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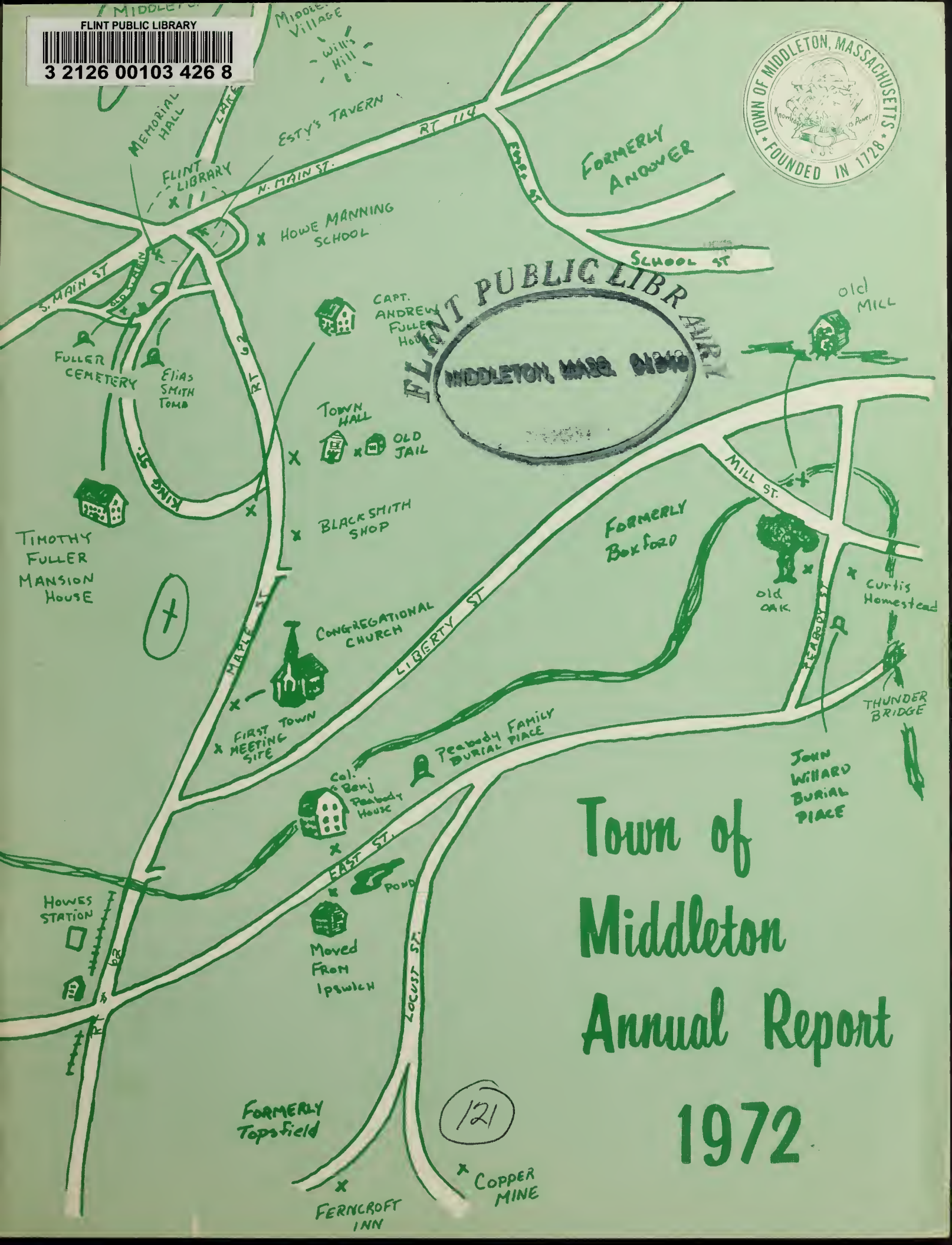

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WILLIS W. ESTY
1901 – 1972

Selectman
1953

Electric Light Department
1948 – 1964

Electric Light Manager
1955 – 1964

Trustee of Flint Public Library
1961 – 1967

Trustee of B.F. Emerson Fund
1962 – 1972

Fire Department
1947 – 1964

RALPH RUSSELL
1926 – 1972

Custodian – Howe Manning School
October 1964 – March 1972

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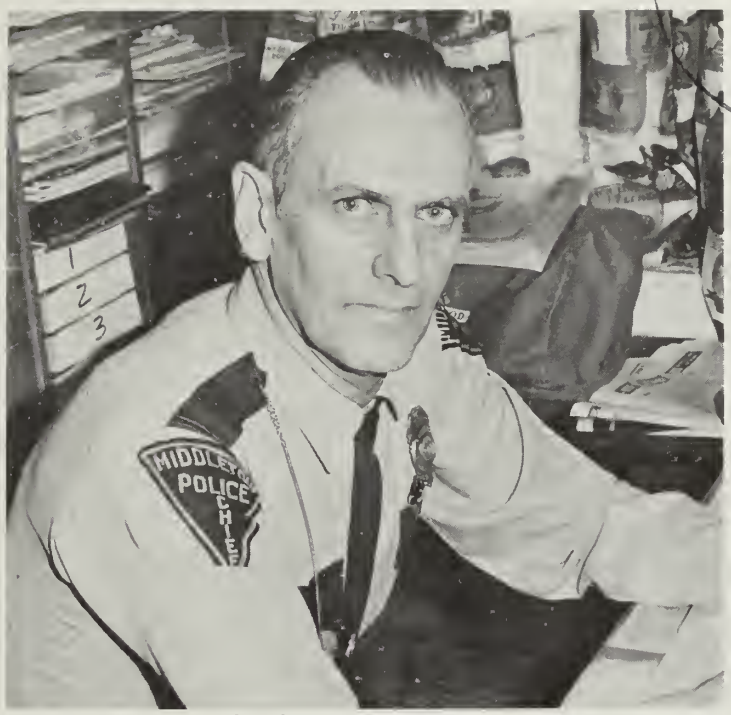

Chief James Wentworth

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MIDDLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

Voted in Session – January 9, 1973

The Board of Selectmen in regular session voted unanimously to dedicate the 1972 Town Report to James W. Wentworth, former Chief of Police of Middleton, Massachusetts. The people of Middleton in a tremendous outpouring of recognition attended a dinner in Chief Wentworth's honor on November 10, 1972 at Caruso's Diplomat. Many public dignitaries attended to praise Chief Wentworth for his 23 years of police work.

Jim, as he was known to people of Middleton, became Chief and the only member of the Police Force in 1949. He served the town in this capacity for 23 years and saw the Force grow from 1 man to its present 6 man roster. In all these years, Middleton's Police Station was located in his home with the understanding and co-operation of his wife, Winnie. No one, can appreciate the years of nighttime telephone calls, interrogations or years of interrupted sleep that were integral part of having the Station in Jim and Winnie's home. There were many times when interrogations required use of Winnie's living room, dining room and kitchen. To this end, the Citizens of Middleton owe not only Jim but also Winnie a deep vote of gratitude.

The memories of many would be resurrected by the scene of Jim single handedly flagging down and stopping those huge trailer trucks as they rumbled through Middleton Square. It was through Jim's single handed efforts that an atrocious traffic problem in the square was solved. There were no bounds and no limits to Jim's alacrity in making the streets of Middleton safe for all Citizens.

There are many men and women living in Middleton today who can point to Jim as a motivating factor in straightening out their young lives. There was many a youngster that Jim gave a break to or took a personal interest in putting them on the straight and narrow. It was not an easy task in deciding what course of action should be taken with youthful offenders. Jim always seemed to have a knack for knowing when he could save youngsters from a life of crime and destruction.

It is with these memories, and recognition of 23 years of servitude to the Town of Middleton and its Citizens, that the Board of Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to Jim Wentworth. His influences and assistance to the town in coming years will be sadly missed. We are sure that all Citizens join us in wishing Jim peace and contentment for his retirement years.

Unanimously So Voted;

Thomas F. Dolan
Leon J. LeBlanc
Dennis E. Currier

Board of Selectmen
Town of Middleton

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TOWN OFFICERS 1972

ELECTED

Moderator

John R. Wallen	1973

Town Clerk

William T. Martin, Jr.	1975

Selectmen

Thomas F. Dolan	1973
Leon J. LeBlanc	1974
Dennis E. Currier	1975

Board of Assessors

Paul B. Wake, Chairman	1975
Donald A. Aylward	1974
Bernard Greenbaum	1973

Treasurer

Patricia M. Jordan	1974

Tax Collector

Harold E. Tyler	1975

Highway Surveyor

Allan G. Marshall	1975

Constable

Robert T. Peachey	1974

School Committee

Norman Nathan, Chairman	1975
Ward Pike Messenger	1974
Bruce D. Russell	1975
Francis X. Masse	1973
Thomas M. Mullen	1973

Regional School Committee

Jeffrey W. Savoie	1975
George A. Demeritt	1974
Francis J. Leary, Jr.	1973

Electric Light Commissioners

John W. Kinsvater, Chairman	1973
John T. Dowling	1974
Robert W. Fox	1975

Cemetery Commissioners

Michael Lavorgna, Chairman	1973
Edward J. Richardson	1975
Vacancy	1974

Tree Warden

Ernest R. Gould	1973

Planning Board

Donald H. Hall, Chairman	1977
Louis S. Cerullo	1973
Louis A. Barett	1976
Robert J. Preytis	1975
Eugene J. LeBlanc	1974

Trustees of Flint Public Library

James H. Coffin, Chairman	1975
Rita M. Kelley	1974
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.	1973
David W. Kelley	1973
Carl C. Jones	1975

Water and Sewer Commissioners

James Vrees, Chairman	1973
Gerald V. Lane	1974
Richard A. Moreschi	1975

Middleton Housing Authority

Richard G. Goodale, Chairman	1977
Carl A. Peterson	1974
Dominic F. Pellicelli	1975
George W. Miller	1976
Louis A. Barrett	State Apptd. to 12-17-75

APPOINTED

Registrars of Voters

David E. Fairbanks, Chairman	1975
John M. Cryan	1974
Mary C. Hocter	1973
William T. Martin, Jr.	Ex. Officio

Zoning Appeal Board

Ebbe B. Wennerberg, Chairman	1975
Philip J. Cataldo, Clerk	1976
Louis W. Fioretti	1973
R. Lionel Barrows	1975
Joseph E. Conceison	1974
Robert E. Kelley (Alternate)	1973

Finance Committee

Paul F. Richardson, Chairman	1973
Robert N. Porteous	1973
Alton P. Goodale	1974
Harry H. Hackett	1974
Donald F. Halloran, Clerk	1974
Robert G. Gowen	1975
Robert W. Spencer	1975

Board of Health

Jacquelyn D. Armitage, Chairman	1975
Eugene J. LeBlanc, Clerk	1974
Dr. Edward H. Jones	

Chief of Police
Edward J. Richardson

Chief of Fire Department
Harold F. Purdy

Forest Fire Warden
Harold F. Purdy

Electric Light Manager
J. Lansing English

Professional Assistant to Board of Selectmen
Charles H. Bowser

Town Accountant

Robert F. Murphy	1975

Town Counsel

Jerome A. Segal	1973

Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering

Charles H. Ohlson	1973

Wire Inspector

John W. Milbery	1973

Building Inspector

Joseph J. Campano, Jr.	1973

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

William Fuller Reading, Mass.	1973

Executive Director of Housing Authority
Leyland A. Phillips

Town Advisory Board Member
To State Welfare Department

Elmer L. McIntire	1973

Veteran's Agent and
Director of Veteran's Services

George M. Farley	1973

Superintendent of Cemeteries
Edward J. Richardson

Park Superintendent

Ernest R. Gould	1973

Health Agent & Sanitarian

Arthur R. Donovan	1973

Community Nurse & Asst. Health Agent

Mrs. Marie Deschamps Danvers, Mass.	1973

Dog Officer

Charles H. Ohlson	1973

Custodian of Memorial Hall

William R. Mugford, Jr.	1973

Custodian of Town Hall

John R. Barrett	1973

Custodian of Town Dump

John W. Campbell	1973

Custodian of Town Lands

Patricia M. Jordan	1973

Civil Defense Agent

Robert W. Fox	1973

Conservation Commission

Henry N. Sawyer, Chairman	1974
Leonard Kupreance	1973
Francis E. Goreham	1975
George M. Farley	1974

Industrial Development Commission

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman	1974
Douglas R. Nelson	1975
John R. Violette	

Council on Aging

Chester V. Morelli, Chairman	1977
Shirley Raynard	1974
Alice Milbery	1976
Frank Jones	1977
Corrine Roy	1976
Pearl Evans Charron	1974
Richard O. Ajootian	1975
Mary C. Hocter	1975
Joan DeBoer	1974

Recreation Committee
John Deasey, Chairman
John R. Barrett
Geraldine Shipley
Jean M. Ulbin
Virginia Wentworth

Liason with Departments
Police – Paul F. Armitage
Park – Ernest R. Gould
School – Henrietta Giannino

Personnel Board

John Caulfield, Chairman	1973
Edward E. Coffin, Jr.	1975
John A. Pellicelli	1973
Richard O. Wardsworth	1974
Alexander J. Popielski	1975

Representative to M.B.T.A. Advisory Board
Thomas F. Dolan

Representative to Ipswich River Watershed
District Advisory Board
Louis A. Barett

Representative to Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Louis A. Barett

Representative to Regional Vocational District School Committee
Thomas M. Mullen

Building Space Committee
Leon J. LeBlanc, Chairman
Patricia M. Jordan
George A. DeMeritt
Allan G. Marshall
Bartholomew J. Whelan
Edward J. Richardson
George E. Dow, Sr.

Police Station Building Committee
All members of Building Space Committee plus:
Robert N. Porteous
Wilbur A. Witham

School Sites & Needs Committee
Francis X. Massee, Chairman
Frank Dellazoppa, Clerk
Thomas F. Dolan
Donald H. Hall

Fire Truck Purchasing Committee
Harold F. Purdy
William J. Hocter
George W. Nash
Charles W. Spears
George M. Farley

Fire Hose Tower Building Committee
Harold F. Purdy
James H. Ogden
Leon J. LeBlanc
Robert G. Gowen
Robert E. Kelley

Trustees
B.F. Emerson Fund
Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Mass.
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.
Paul B. Wake
Carl C. Jones

Mansfield Fund
Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

David Cummings Fund
Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT – 1972

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submit their Annual Report to the Citizens of Middleton for the year 1972. As in past years, the work load for the Board of Selectmen has increased considerably due to increased demands by new State and Federal Regulations, and a greater demand for services placed upon the Board by the Citizens of Middleton.

The Board completed its first full year with an Administrative Assistant funded by the National Emergency Employment Act. Mr. Charles Bowser of Lynnfield was appointed to fill this post. It is the unanimous feeling of the Board that in the very near future, the town will have to consider funding this post as a full time town position. Through the efforts of Mr. Bowser, we were able to investigate many federally funded programs that may have been available to the Town of Middleton. The Board, with the assistance of Mr. Bowser, was successful in placing a good many high school children into jobs within the town for the Summer. The Board of Selectmen in keeping with its request of other departments to present an austere image at this Town Meeting is not requesting that the town fund this position upon the expiration of federal funds.

Early in the year, the Board of Selectmen appointed Middleton's first independent Board of Health. Mrs. Jacqueline Armitage, Dr. Edward Jones and Mr. Eugene LeBlanc were appointed as Middleton's first full time Board of Health. Their work load has increased considerably in that overall health problems in the town including septic permits, building permits and other related health problems are concerned. The largest task before our new Board of Health is resolution of our waste disposal problem.

The Board, upon the retirement late this year of former Police Chief James Wentworth, went through an exhaustive set of interviews to appoint a new Chief. We were pleased at the conclusion of our interviews to determine that the most eligible candidate was former Sergeant Edward Richardson. Chief Richardson, in his new capacity, is doing an outstanding job in remaking the Police Department. We also accepted the resignation of Sergeant DiTomaso and wished him luck in his new position as Chief of Police in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. We appointed Patrolman Paul Armitage and Patrolman Paul Peters to fill the vacancies caused by the aforementioned retirement and resignation. The Selectmen, with the co-operation and help of the entire Police Department, supervised the move of the Police Station from former Chief Wentworth's home to the former Selectmen's Office in Memorial Hall. The Board, with the excellent co-operation of the Fire and Police Departments, set up a new emergency Communication Center for the Town. As of this writing, we are pleased with the overall results of this system.

The Board this year represented the town in two court actions. We have not as of the writing of our report, received a ruling from the master in the Kenney Road gravel pit case. We made two appearances in court this year in an attempt to resolve this matter. The Selectmen also requested of the State Labor Board a determination as to who shall be bargaining agent for the Middleton Police Department. The case is currently under appeal pending further judgment by the State Labor Board.

The Board of Selectmen and the Town continue to have our share of aggravation with the former Essex County Sanitarium property. Fires have continued to break out on the property exposing our Fire Dept. to constant hazards. The County Commissioners have proposed this year over the objections of the Middleton Board of Selectmen, that a County Jail be built on the sanitarium site. The Board of Selectmen, working with Representative Buell, have proposed that the land be used for location of the new Regional Vocational Technical School. It is the unanimous feeling of the Selectmen that this site, in conjunction with the present Essex County Agricultural School provides an excellent educational opportunity for all interested students on the North Shore.

The Selectmen this year after being aware of some problems on the Recreation Committee reorganized the entire Committee and appointed a new Chairman. The Recreation Committee this year was charged with conducting the Mansfield Fund Picnic. Congratulations go out to all Recreation Committee members past and present on outstanding job in running a most successful affair. I am sure that the children of Middleton join us in this accolade.

The Board, along with many other Town Department Heads and Committee Chairmen, attended numerous sessions describing the new 18 month fiscal year. The budget as presented at this Town Meeting will reflect an 18 month fiscal period. It is for this reason that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have recommended that a severe austerity program be initiated for the town. We do not relish the thought but acknowledge the fact that a substantial increase in taxes this year will be forthcoming.

In co-operation with a good many Citizens in town, our Administrative Assistant and other interested parties, the Board of Selectmen this year undertook the task of forming a Charter Commission in the town. A petition was drawn up and signed by 423 Citizens to initiate the charter question on the ballot. The Board is looking for 9 interested Citizens to serve for a 1 year term on this Commission. It shall be the job of the Charter Commission to determine whether or not our basic plan of town government should be revised. It is our sincere hope that this will be a blue ribbon committee with a comprehensive report for the town at the next Town Meeting.

A great deal of time was spent in the latter part of the year in writing up new insurance and liability coverages for the town. As a result of new specifications written by the Board, the town for the first time put its insurance requirements out to bid. The bids when received indicate that the town will save approximately $5000.00 in its insurance expenses for the coming year while increasing our coverages substantially. The Board wishes to thank the Town Accountant and Finance Committee for their assistance on this project.

In addition to the aforementioned appointments stated in our report, the Board made many other appointments to various Boards and Committees. These appointments are contained on a separate page of your Town Report.

Once again, the Board of Selectmen must make an urgent plea for more active participation in Town Government by the Citizens of Middleton. Wake up Middleton. Apathy and inattention to town affairs breeds poor government and high taxes. There are, and have been, many vacancies on various committees that have not been filled for lack of volunteers. We must have the full co-operation of every citizen in order to function in a sane and efficient manner. Obviously, some self sacrifice is involved in working within town government. If we all pull our share of the burden, the town cannot help but benefit from your active participation.

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all the various Town Boards and Committees that have assisted us throughout the past year. It is our hope that with your continued co-operation and assistance that Middleton will continue in a manner that will serve generations to come.

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman
Dennis E. Currier, Clerk
Leon J. LeBlanc

L. to R. Dennis E. Currier, Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman, Leon J. LeBlanc

The Town Clerk is the official recorder of the records of the Town. His duties include; recording the proceedings of the Town Meetings and Elections, notifying the Town Accountant, Assessors and other Officers concerned, of appropriations which have been voted by the Town. He records and issues certificates of Vital Statistics, issues Fish and Game Licenses, collects Dog Taxes and issues Dog Licenses.

Office Hours at 43 King Street; Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

The 1972 Town Meeting Records, Election Records, Vital Statistics recorded and Dog Licenses issued follow:

Annual Town Meeting
March 14, 1972

The Warrant for this meeting having been duly served and posted, the meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by the Moderator, John R. Wallen. The Return of Service was read by the Town Clerk. A quorum being present, the following business was transacted:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

The report of the School Sites and Needs Committee was read by Francis X. Masse of that Committee, as the report appeared in the 1971 Town Report. This report was accepted by the Town as a report of progress, as requested by the Committee.

The Building Space Committee Report was read by George A. Demeritt and was accepted as a report of progress.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or what action it will take thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 2 as read.

Article 2 was adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws Personnel Plan as follows:

1. By adding to TITLE XIV a new SECTION 14.02

   Leave allowed an employee from duty caused by an accident or injury on the job shall be called Injury Leave.

   Since all employees are covered by Workmens Compensation Insurance, the town will supplement the payments if necessary, in order that the injured employee will receive his base weekly wage for the period of recuperation. (said period not to exceed one year)

   Said employee will be required to produce evidence as to the amount of his insurance compensation benefit.

2. Delete Section 7.07 Superior Court Time. Each uniformed member of the regular, uniformed Police Department shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) hours pay when appearing at any session of the Superior Court. Said hours shall not be used in determination of hours worked when calculating overtime.

3. Add to Section 14.01 the following:

   An examination by an impartial physician designated by department heads and Personnel Board may be requested at intervals.

4. Delete from Section 2.01:

   and one Town Employee (other than a Department Head) who shall serve annually for one year.

   The Finance Committee recommended this Article with the following addition to the second paragraph of section 1: "said period not to exceed one year."

   A vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor – 89 votes. Opposed – 16 votes.

   A two-thirds majority achieved.

   Article 3 adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws Personnel Plan as follows:

By deleting Title VII Section 7.08 as it now reads and substituting the following:

Position or Title	1971	Recommended for 1972
Non-Classified		
Moderator	50.00	50.00
Selectmen	1,000.00	1,000.00
Treasurer	4,000.00	4,000.00
Tax Collector	4,000.00	4,000.00
Assessors	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Constable	50.00	50.00
Tree Warden	50.00	50.00
Cemetery Commissioners	50.00	50.00
Water Commissioners	150.00	150.00
Highway Department		
Highway Surveyor	9,000.00	9,450.00
Foreman (working)	3.50 p/hr	
Laborer (perm)	3.25 p/hr	3.43 p/hr
Laborer (p.t.)	2.35 p/hr	2.48 p/hr
Laborer (temp)	2.10 p/hr	2.21 p/hr

Park, Forestry, Cemetery Dept.

Foreman (working)	3.50 p/hr	3.69 p/hr
Laborer (perm)	3.25 p/hr	3.43 p/hr
Laborer (p.t.)	2.35 p/hr	2.48 p/hr
Laborer (temp)	2.10 p/hr	2.21 p/hr
Tree Climber	3.25 p/hr	3.43 p/hr
Supt. of Burials	50.00	50.00

Fire Dept.

Chief	10,341.00	10,910.00
Deputy Chief	9,015.00	9,511.00
Captain	8,776.00	
Lieutenant	8,140.00	8,588.00
Firefighter	7,865.00	8,298.00
Captain (c)	300.00 p/yr	300.00 p/yr
	3.25 p/hr	3.25 p/hr
Lieutenant (c)	100.00 p/yr	100.00 p/yr
	3.25 p/hr	3.25 p/hr
Firefighter (c)	75.00 p/yr	75.00 p/yr
	3.25 p/hr	3.25 p/hr
Drillmaster (c)	25.00	25.00
Dept. Machinist	50.00	50.00

Clerical

Clerk-treasurer	2.20 p/hr	2.32 p/hr
Clerk-Assessors	2.30 p/hr	2.53 p/hr
Clerk-Tax Collector	2.50 p/hr	2.64 p/hr

Administrative

Assessor	1,900.00	1,900.00
Town Accountant	4,000.00	4,000.00
Secretary-Clerk	5,720.00	5,720.00

Inspection

Health Agent	2,000.00	2,000.00
Building Inspector	1,700.00	2,000.00
Gas Inspector	400.00	400.00
Plumbing Inspector	600.00	600.00
Wiring Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	250.00	450.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	50.00	
Dog Officer	600.00	600.00

Library

Head Librarian	2,300.00	2,300.00
1st Asst. Librarian	2.75 p/hr	2.90 p/hr
2nd Asst. Librarian	2.50 p/hr	2.64 p/hr
3rd Asst. Librarian	2.20 p/hr	2.32 p/hr
Clerk-Typist	2.07 p/hr	2.18 p/hr
Page	1.50 p/hr	1.58 p/hr

Miscellaneous

Custodian-Dump	4.00 p/day	4.00 p/day
Custodian-Town Hall	660.00	800.00
Custodian-Memorial Hall	900.00	1,200.00
Custodian-Library	1,200.00	1,200.00
Veterans' Agent	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Counsel	3,300.00	4,000.00
Registrars-Voters	50.00	100.00
Clerk Registrars	100.00	100.00
Secretary Planning Board	17.50 p/mtg	17.50 p/mtg
Secretary Personnel Board	15.00 p/mtg	17.50 p/mtg.
Secretary Water Comm.	15.00 p/mtg	17.50 p/mtg
Secretary Board of Appeals	25.00 p/mo.	30.00 p/mo

Police Department

Chief	10,616.00	11,200.00
Captain	9,015.00	
Lieutenant	8,776.00	
Sargeant	9,015.00	9,511.00
Patrolman	8,776.00	9,259.00
Patrolman (Reserve)	3.50 p/hr	3.50 p/hr

The Finance Committee recommended Article 4 as read with the following addition: under Administrative add to Assessor "Wages-Assessment only".

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5. To fix the compensations of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing year.

Appropriations

General Government	
Moderator	
Salary	50.00
Finance Committee	
Expenses	100.00
Selectmen	
Salaries	3,000.00
Expenses	4,000.00
Secretary-Clerk	5,720.00
Training, Secretary-Clerk	275.00
Accountant	
Salary	4,000.00
Expenses	850.00
Treasurer	
Salary	4,000.00
Clerical	1,000.00
Expenses	1,609.00
Tax Titles	2,500.00
Tax Collector	
Salary	4,000.00
Clerk	2,363.00
Expenses	1,540.00
Tax Taking (Oak Nuts Park)	2,000.00
Assessors	
Salaries	3,000.00
Clerk	1,950.00
Expenses	2,475.00
Wages—Assessment only	1,900.00
Town Counsel	
Salary	4,000.00
Expenses	1,500.00
Town Clerk	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	495.00
Office Equipment	350.00
Elections & Registrations	
Salaries	500.00
Expenses	571.00
Wages	1,775.00

Planning Board	
Clerical	350.00
Advertising	200.00
Consultant	400.00
Expenses	450.00
Town Hall	
Salary	800.00
Expenses (Oper.)	2,100.00
Memorial Hall	
Salary	1,200.00
Expenses (Oper.)	3,000.00
Tax Office–Remodeling	1,000.00
Personnel Board	
Clerk	300.00
Expenses	100.00
Total General Government	66,423.00
Public Safety	
Constable	
Salary	50.00
Police Dept.	
Chief Salary	11,200.00
Wages	61,949.00
Expenses	10,341.00
Fire Dept.	
Chief's Salary	10,910.00
Salaries	2,925.00
Wages	59,128.00
Expenses	10,350.00
Expense-Special	1,925.00
Building Inspector	
Salary	2,000.00
Expenses	800.00
Board of Appeals	
Expenses	70.00
Salary–Clerk	360.00
Advertising	520.00
Wire Inspector	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	150.00
Civil Defense	
Expenses	100.00
Gas Inspector	
Salary	400.00
Expenses	100.00
Plumbing Inspector	
Salary	600.00
Expense	150.00
Forestry Dept.	
Expenses	2,400.00
Insect & Pest Control	2,000.00
Dutch Elm	2,600.00
New Trees	300.00
Tree Warden Salary	100.00
Dog Officer	
Salary	600.00
Expenses	800.00
Total Public Safety	183,828.00
Health & Sanitation	
Board of Health	
Salaries	2,000.00
Expenses	21,000.00
Purchase of Gravel	9,000.00
Community Health	5,000.00
Mental Health	1,600.00
Inspector of Animals	
Salary	400.00
Expenses	100.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	
Salary	50.00
Total Health & Sanitation	39,150.00
Highway Dept.	
Road Machinery Account	
(From Road Machinery Fund)	8,000.00
Highway Surveyor Salary	
(From available Dept. Funds)	9,495.00
Highway Expenses	28,617.00
Chapter 81	9,350.00
*Chapter 81, State	9,350.00
Chapter 90, Construction	4,750.00
*Chapter 90, County & State	14,250.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	5,000.00
Snow Removal	40,000.00
Storm Drains	3,000.00
Total Highway Dept.	131,812.00

*Amounts to be taken from Surplus Revenue, and when received from State and County, reimbursement to be returned to Surplus Revenue.

Veteran's Services	
Veteran's Agent	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	600.00
Veteran's Aid	9,000.00
Total Veteran's Services	10,600.00
School Department	
Elementary Schools	
Salaries	429,498.00
Expenses	100,068.00
Supt. out of State Travel	250.00
Masconomet Regional School District	646,605.96
Vocational Education	5,000.00
Total School Dept.	1,181,421.96
Library Dept.	
Salaries	16,800.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Expenses	9,960.98
Expenses (From State Aid to Library)	1,516.50
Expenses (From Dog Tax Refund)	1,032.52
Total Library Dept.	30,510.00
Recreation Dept.	
Park Labor	3,000.00
Expenses	500.00
East Street Pool	500.00
New Equipment	500.00
Wages–Beach Life Guard	2,050.00
Town Picnic	1,000.00
Skating	600.00
Wages–Playground	1,800.00
Playground Equipment	300.00
Swimming Equipment	200.00
Total Recreation Dept.	10,450.00
Cemetery Dept.	
Commissioners Salaries	150.00
Supt. of Burials	50.00
Expenses	10,730.00
Opening Graves	2,500.00
Hot Top	500.00
Total Cemetery Dept.	13,930.00

Unclassified	
Retirement Assessment	44,672.00
Printing Town Reports	3,000.00
Sick and Injury Leave	3,000.00
Memorial Day	800.00
General Liability Insurance	10,000.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	5,230.00
Group Insurance	1,200.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,000.00
Christmas Lighting	75.00
Street Lighting	7,800.00
Reserve Fund	10,000.00
(From Overlay Reserve Acct.)	
Conservation Commission	300.00
State Retirement	600.00
Total Unclassified	104,677.00
Maturing Debt and Interest	
School Addition Loan – 1956	10,000.00
Fuller Meadow School	20,000.00
Interest	22,000.00
Total Maturing Debt & Interest	52,000.00
Public Service Enterprises	
Water Dept.	
Salaries	450.00
Expenses	450.00
Maintenance	4,600.00
Debt. Repayment	3,800.00
Total Water Dept.	9,300.00*

*Voted to be taken from earnings of Water Dept.

Electric Light Department	
Depreciation	45,895.00
Production	686,700.00
Maintenance-Operation	162,577.00
Total Elect. Light Dept.	895,172.00*

*Voted to be taken from earnings of Electric Light Dept.

Total General Budget Appropriations
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2,729,273.96

The Finance Committee recommended that under Public Safety – Fire Dept. Wages be amended to read $59,128.00. This makes no change in totals.

So voted by unanimous vote.

The Finance Committee recommended that under Highway Dept. – Snow Removal be changed from $30,000.00 to $40,000.00.

So voted.

The Finance Committee recommended that under Library Dept. Expenses be amended to read $9,960.98, and that the Dog Tax Refund of $1,516.50 plus State Aid to Libraries $1,032.52 be appropriated to the Library Dept., making total Library Dept. $30,510.00.

So voted.

Under Article 5. The Finance Committee recommended that the sum of $50,000.00 be transfered from the Surplus Revenue Account to reduce the Tax rate, to be applied to the General Government portion of the budget.

So voted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Richard O. Ajootian made motion that under General Government the item "Administrative Assistant" be changed to read "Secretary-Clerk."

So voted.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the amounts listed in the foregoing schedule.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $22,500.00 from the 1971 earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 6 be adopted as read.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of all the income of the Municipal Light Department to said Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners for the expenses of the Department for the fiscal year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and the excess is to be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Department for use as the Commissioners may direct.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 7 be adopted as read.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Building Inspector to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

By striking from Part I, Section VII of the By-laws the following subsections: (4a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 4(f), 4(g), 4(h), and 4(i), and inserting in place thereof the following:

Part I Section VII. (4). The building inspector shall number the lots on every street and way in the Town.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

A motion was made by Mr. Ralph Lewis to postpone Article 8 indefinitely. Motion seconded.

So voted.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Building Inspector to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $2,200 to renumber the lots on every street and way in the Town; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

A motion was made by Bartholomew Whelan to postpone Article 9 indefinitely. Motion seconded.

So voted.

A motion was made by Richard Ajootian to reconsider Article 8. Motion did not carry.

ARTICLE 10. By petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

By striking out from the first and last sentences in Part III of Section VI, subsection (4), the figure "$500" and inserting in place thereof in each instance the figure "$1000."

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read.

Voted: To adopt Article 10 as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

That Part II be amended by inserting after section III the following:

IV. Earth Removal. No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever.

Mr. Leon LeBlanc made a motion to amend Article 11 by adding; except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for removal of clay, sand, gravel, or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

Amendment voted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11, as amended. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

That Part II be amended by inserting after section III the following:

IV. Earth Removal. No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever, except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for removal of clay, sand, gravel, or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

Article 11, as amended by Mr. LeBlanc was voted on by the showing of hands: In favor – 101 votes. Opposed – 33 votes.

A two-thirds vote required. Article 11 adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Chief of Police, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of "not more than" $2,700.00 which together with the exchange value of the present 1971 Ford Custom 4 door sedan cruiser shall be used by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new Police cruiser; as provided in the By-Laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article and that $2,700.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $3,500.00 for the purchase of a new 1972 Automatic Sander, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article as read and that the sum of $3,500.00 be taken from Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $6,600.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new 1972 International Dump Truck, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article as read and that the sum of $6,600.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate, a sum of money not to exceed $9,500.00 for the purpose of constructing a hose tower for use by the Fire Department, and to have a committee appointed by the Moderator, to consist of five members; one from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee, the Fire Chief, one other member of the Fire Department, and one citizen-at-large, to oversee the construction, and equipping of said structure; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article and that the sum of $9,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Cemetery Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to use the sum of $500.00 from the Cemetery Equipment Fund for purchase of new equipment.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article. Mr. Ernest R. Gould made motion to adopt Article 16 as read. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Norma Nathan.

Voted: to adopt Article 16 as read.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500. for the purchase of an electrostatic copy machine for use of the offices of the Town; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article and that $1,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,400.00 to establish a drug education and prevention program; said fund to be administered by the Board of Health; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article. Thomas Dolan made motion to adopt Article 18 as read. Leon LeBlanc seconded this motion.

The Finance Committee then rescinded their objection and recommended that $2,400.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted.

Article 18 as recommended by the Finance Committee carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money to be held in trust by the said Library Trustees for the purpose of erecting an addition to the Flint Public Library building, and the Trustees shall be authorized to expend any or all of the principal thereof, or interest therefrom, either or both, to accomplish this purpose.

Mr. Paul Wake, a Trustee of the Flint Library, made motion that no action be taken on this Article. Motion seconded.

So voted.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Library Trustees, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $297,216.00, for the construction of a Library addition, and to have a committee appointed by the Town Moderator to consist of five members: one from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee, the Director of the Library, one other member of the Flint Public Library Board of Trustees, and one citizen-at-large, to oversee the construction; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

Mr. Wake made motion that no action be taken on Article 20.

This motion was seconded and the Town so voted.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of: Edith B. Ruwet, Robert Provencher, Robert Murphy, Chris Feizidas, Shirley Murphy, Anthony Trupasso, Elaine S. Trupasso, Barbara Frasca, Nancy Morin and William O. Morin, to see if the Town will vote to accept Overbrook Road as a Public Way of the Town.

Mr. Provencher made motion to postpone action on this Article indefinitely.

This motion was seconded by the Finance Committee and so voted.

ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Recreation Committee to see if the Town will vote to hire a part-time Recreation Director at an annual salary of $4,160.00, said Director to be responsible to the Recreation Committee, and to work a minimum of 20 hours per week at an hourly rate of $4.00 – from date of hire of October 1, 1972; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

Mr. Thomas Manning made motion that Article 22 be referred to the Personnel Board for future consideration. Motion seconded by Leon LeBlanc.

So voted.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to be held as a separate account, said sum to be expended by the Council on Aging for programs for the elderly in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40, Section SB of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 23 and that $1,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

Mr. Dolan made motion and Mr. LeBlanc seconded "Section SB" to read "Section 8B" a printing error.

So voted by voice vote.

Article 23 adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $219.00, to be paid to Kinson Bus Lines for Vocational Education Transportation, rendered in 1971, and billed late, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 24 be adopted as read and that $219.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 25. On petition of the Library Trustees, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $72.56, to be paid to Sam Goadber & Son for fuel oil for the Town Library received in 1971 and billed late, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 25 be adopted as read and that the sum of $72.56 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

Mr. Dolan made motion and Mr. LeBlanc seconded that Article read "paid to Sam Goldberg & Son" to correct typographical error.

So voted by unanimous vote.

Article 25, as amended by Mr. Dolan, adopted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 26. On petition of: Louis J. LeBlanc, Dr. George J. Haykal, Christine Haykal, Katherine Fairbanks, Joyce Jones, Susan Perry, Louis LeMay, Eleanor L. Pickett, Ruth L. Martin and Virginia E. Ryan, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 for the New Meadows Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization of professionals under the laws of Massachusetts, located at 9 East Common, Topsfield, Mass. for a pilot conservation project involving the cities and towns of Essex County to dispose of solid waste; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof.

Paper, glass, metals, plastics, etc. will be directly recycled and the remaining biodegradable solid waste including leaves, clippings, and pumpings from cess pools will be converted to a superior plant food or compost by the use of earthworms.

Following the completion of the pilot project, a plant at the town dump will be proposed that will recycle all the solid wastes. Compost and earthworms are needed to rehabilitate impoverished town soils, and to improve town lands in the productivity of plants and wild animals.

Mr. Ralph Lewis made motion to postpone this Article indefinitely. Motion was seconded.

So voted by unanimous vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
March 20, 1972

The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. at the Fuller Meadow School.

The following election workers reported at 6:45 A.M. and were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Lloyd Getchell	Blanche Paul
Mary Hocter	Bernice Sherwood
William T. Martin, Jr.	Esther McColley
Ann Woodbury	Marie Winquist

Reported at 6:45 P.M. and were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Edith Farnham	Rita LeBlanc
Dorothy Ferreira	Shirley Raynard
Ann L. Goodale	Shirley Gould
Lorayne Hocter	Patricia Kimball
Violet Fontaine	Betty M. Peachey
Kathryn Martinuk	

The total number of votes cast as indicated by the ballot box was 1221. This number agreed with the number of voters checked by the ballot clerks as having voted. The ballots were sorted, counted and tallied and declaration thereof made in open meeting by the Town Clerk as follows:

*Signifies Elected

Moderator

John R. Wallen	981*
Blanks	240

Town Clerk, 3 years

William T. Martin, Jr.	1,077*
Blanks	144

Selectman, 3 years

Richard O. Ajootian	574
Dennis E. Currier	627*
Blanks	20

Assessor, 3 years

Paul B. Wake	996*
John A. Goodwin (write in)	11
Blanks	214

Tax Collector, 3 years

Harold E. Tyler	1,011*
Blanks	210

Highway Surveyor, 3 years

Allan G. Marshall	966*
Blanks	255

School Committee, 3 years
Vote two

Norman Nathan	722*
Wilhemine M. Hall	561
Bruce D. Russell	589*
Blanks	570

Regional School Committee, 3 years

Jeffrey W. Savoie	607*
Alan F. Spottiswoode	548
Blanks	66

Electric Light Commissioner, 3 years

Robert W. Fox	993*
Blanks	228

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years

Edward J. Richardson	998*
Blanks	223

Tree Warden

Ernest R. Gould	1,031*
Blanks	190

Planning Board, 5 years

Donald H. Hall	940*
Blanks	281

Trustees of Flint Public Library, 3 years
Vote two

Carl C. Jones	940*
James H. Coffin	737*
Blanks	756

Water and Sewer Commissioner, 3 years

Richard A. Moreschi	920*
Blanks	301

Middleton Housing Authority, 5 years

Richard G. Goodale	1,003*
Blanks	218

Question No. 1

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the operation, holding or conducting of a game commonly called beano?

Yes	930*
No	198
Blanks	93

Question No. 2

Under Chapter 32B, Mass. General Laws: Shall the Town in addition to the payment of fifty percent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents pay a subsidiary or additional rate?

Yes	553*
No	546
Blanks	122

Acceptance of this section allows the town to pay up to 99% of the cost of medical and life insurance for employees of the town, subject to recommendation of the Personnel Board.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 3, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 P.M. by the Moderator, John R. Wallen.

A quorum not being present, a motion was made by Thomas F. Dolan to adjourn until October 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M.

Gerald V. Lane made motion to adjourn and reconvene in thirty minutes. A vote was taken by showing of hands: In favor – 59 votes. Opposed – 73 votes.

Mr. Lane's motion did not carry.

Voted: to adjourn until Tuesday, next, October 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

The following notice was posted by the Town Clerk at Memorial Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe's Station, on October 3, 1972:

NOTICE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote:

The Special Town Meeting called on October 3, 1972 has been adjourned, by a majority vote of those present, until Tuesday, October 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. at Howe-Manning School Auditorium to act on the Articles of the Warrant posted for said Meeting.

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk of Middleton
October 3, 1972

Special Town Meeting of October 3, 1972
Adjourned to October 10, 1972

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Moderator, John R. Wallen.

The Return of Service of the posted Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

A quorum was present at this Meeting (184 voters)

The several Articles of the Warrant and the action taken thereon follows:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

The Building Space Committee elected to make report at time Article 4 came before the Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: On petition of the Board of Health, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the account for Fill at the Sanitary Land Fill, to an account for Night Soil Operation, the amount of $2,000.00 or what action it will take thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read. So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue, or available funds, the sum of $1,500.00 for the Police Station relocation.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this Article and that $1,500.00 be transfered from Surplus Revenue for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Police Station Building Committee, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00, to be used by the Committee to supplement existing funds for the construction and equipping of a Police Station, and to see if such funds will be provided from surplus revenue, from available funds, by borrowing, by bonding in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a combination thereof.

The Finance Committee reserved their recommendation until the Board of Selectmen made their recommendations.

Selectman Leon J. LeBlanc made the following recommendation as a selectman and a member of the Building Space Committee:

I am appearing before you tonight as a Selectman and a Member of the Building Space Committee to ask that you vote No on Article 4.

It is my feeling that a good many questions must be answered prior to proceeding with the construction of a new Police Station. I fully realize that I was one of the main proponents of construction of this new Station and my feelings to that end remain the same. I do not believe that anyone in this room can question the need for a permanent location to house our Police Department.

The Board of Selectmen recently initiated a study for an alternate proposal to be presented at this Town Meeting. It was our thought and intention that the Police Department could be moved to the present location of the Highway Department in the basement of the Fire Station. We then thought a new Highway Building could be built on the land recently purchased on North Main Street. Preliminary estimates showed that a new Highway Building to our specifications would cost in the vicinity of $55,000.00 and renovation of the existing Highway Garage to accommodate the Police Station would cost $43,000.00. The Building Space Committee has already expended or committed $11,000.00 in funds for the present proposal. This would bring us to a total of $109,000.00 which most certainly exceeds the appropriation requested by the Building Space Committee with no guarantee that either project could indeed be completed for these funds. This was obviously not a viable alternative to present to the Town.

The questions that must be answered prior to erecting a new Police Station, are – how will it be manned, and is there a less expensive alternative to the present construction plans. The Building Space Committee has expended a great deal of time in planning for an unmanned Police Station. It is questionable now as to whether or not, as the result of the resignation of former Chief Wenthworth, an unmanned Police Station can be built. The Town must face up to the fact that some type of full time representation for the Police and Fire Departments must be available in the very near future. The Board of Selectmen will shortly enter into negotiations with the Police Chief and Fire Chief to work out an amicable agreement for manning of emergency phones. We must have an answer to this problem prior to proceeding with the construction of a Police Station.

A question also remains as to whether or not federal funding is available for construction of a Police Station. A recent investigation has shown that there will be some federal programs available within the coming months that Middleton may qualify for in subsidizing our new station. There is no reason why Middleton should have to go it alone while surrounding communities receive federal funds for their projects. We must stand up and be heard and put our oar in for whatever funds may be available. I deeply regret asking you to postpone construction of this Station again. We are all aware of the newspaper publicity received as a result of past dealings with the Police Station by the Building Space Committee and the Town. We must, however, explore all possible avenues for assistance in building this Station while providing a concrete plan for a communication center for the town. The question will be raised as to what effect this postponement will have on funds already expended. The town has already purchased the land and this will be available for building at any time so there will be no loss in this direction. The plans and specifications developed by our architect will be appropriate for at least one more year. This will not result in a loss to the town. Our only increase in costs will be the cost of construction between this Town Meeting and any subsequent Town Meeting at which this proposal will be renewed. These extra costs could be easily absorbed by any possible federal subsidy that the town may obtain. A possibility also exists that the town may be able to act as its own General Contractor and build the station with local help.

The town is now approaching an 18 month fiscal year period. This will result in a short term higher tax rate and increased budgets for the town. We must give the taxpayer the benefit of any possible savings that can be obtained. I ask you to vote NO on this proposal but keep in mind that the town must soon construct a Police Station. Middleton through the courtesy of Jim Wentworth has had a free ride for its Police Station for the past 20 years. The time will soon come when we must pay our dues. We owe our new Chief, Ed Richardson, every possible consideration towards providing a facility that he can be proud of.

I ask your support in rejecting this Article as it now stands and your support at a subsequent Town Meeting for construction of this Station once a positive plan for payment and communication has been worked out.

Thank you.

A motion was made by Thomas F. Dolan to postpone Article 4 indefinitely. The motion was seconded.

Voted: by unanimous vote to postpone action on Article 4 indefinitely.

ARTICLE 5: On petition of the Board of Selectmen, that said Board be authorized to petition the House of Representatives or the Senate of the Commonwealth to strike the name of Middleton from the list of cities and towns in the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, as set forth in Section 26, Chapter 40B of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read. Selectman Thomas F. Dolan, Middleton Member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, made recommendation that the Town adopt this Article.

A vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor of Article 5 – 164 votes. Opposed – None.

Article 5 was adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will place on the official ballot at the Annual Town Election of 1973, the following question:

"Shall the local mass transportation service in this town be discontinued?" Yes ☐ No ☐

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted by unanimous vote to adopt Article 6 as read.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, that said Board be authorized to petition the House of Representatives or the Senate of the Commonwealth, to strike the name of Middleton from the list of 64 cities and towns in the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, as set forth in Section 1, Chapter 161A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted by unanimous vote to adopt Article 7 as read.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of National Ventures Trust of Danvers, Massachusetts, and several citizens of the Town, to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1972, as amended by Chapter 517 of the Acts of 1972, or what other action it will take.

The Finance Committee postponed its recommendation temporarily.

Leon J. LeBlanc made motion to amend Article 8 to read as follows:

Under Article 8. On petition of National Ventures Trust of Danvers, Massachusetts, and several citizens of the Town, to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1972, as amended by Chapter 517 of the Acts of 1972. Provided that National Ventures Trust or their successors and assigns present to the Town a bond in the amount of $250,000.00 or whatever the cost of on site construction of sewerage facilities will be. Present to the Town a bond in the amount of $250,000.00 or whatever the costs shall be to cover entrance costs regarding the South Essex Sewerage District. Present to the Town a bond in the amount of $35,000.00 or whatever the estimated annual construction assessments from the South Essex Sewerage District shall be. The surety shall be posted annually in anticipation of assessments.

Motion to amend was seconded.

Attorney David Burns spoke in favor of adoption of Article 8.

Mr. Leonard Mass, with permission of the Town, further explained the effects of Article 8.

Article 8 as amended was adopted by the Town by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) which reads as follows:

"In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, all moneys received by it in payment for off-duty work details of members of its police department shall be deposited in the treasury, shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer apart from any other of its money, funds or other property, and shall be expended without further appropriation at the direction of the Chief of Police or other officer having similar duties for the purpose of paying its police officers for such off-duty work details, notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three."

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

Selectman Leon J. LeBlanc made a motion to adopt Article 9 as read. This Motion was seconded.

Article 9 was defeated by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Planning Board, to see if the Town will vote to accept Overbrook Road, beginning at a point at the intersection of Meadow Drive and extending Northwesterly for a distance of 885.00 feet, as shown on plan entitled "Subdivision Plan Middleton Farms, for Middleton Development Corporation", as a Public Way of the Town.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 10 be adopted as read.

Voted: to adopt Article 10 as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue, or from available funds to the Memorial Hall Expenses Capital Account, the sum of $1,500.00 to be used to provide Electronic Burglar Alarm and Automatic Fire Alarm service in Memorial Hall.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 11 be adopted and that the sum of $1,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of $1,040.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Road Machinery Equipment Account, this amount being that received from the sale of two surplus vehicles from the Highway Department, or what action it will take.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

Bartholomew Whelan made motion to adopt Article as read. Motion was seconded.

A voice vote was taken, the chair in doubt, a vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor – 75 votes. Opposed – 39 votes.

Article 12 adopted as read.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, purchase or gift, the land of Martin J. Walsh, Jr., Nancy Walsh, Russell E. Kaufman, Mary H. Kaufman, Leah Holsworth, Howard D. Smith, Mary Smith, Richard O. Ajootian, Margaret T. Ajootian, Catherine B. Campbell, Shirley Campbell, The Trustees of the Richardson Trust, Benjamin W. Clay, Jr., Dorothy M. Clay, and others; said land being within the relocation boundaries of River Street, Middleton, Massachusetts, as shown on "plan and Profile of Relocation of Portion of River Street, Middleton, Mass. Scale: 1"=40', August

12, 1970, Surveyors, Northern Associates, Inc., 278 Essex Street, Lawrence, Mass.", to be used for the purpose of relocating River Street as shown on said plan, and to appropriate the sum of $500.00 from surplus revenue or available funds, to pay any or all persons for taking by eminent domain of said land, or any purchase of said land.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article with the following amendment: delete "and to appropriate the sum of $500.00 from surplus revenue or available funds" and substitute therefor: "and transfer the sum of $500.00 from the Land Damage Account."

A vote was taken by showing of hands: In favor – 133 votes. Opposed – 3 votes.

Voted: to adopt Article 13 as amended.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or surplus revenue, the sum of $8,000.00 to cover additional and increased insurance costs for the year 1972, or what action it will take.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 14 be adopted as read and that the sum of $8,000.00 be transfered from Surplus Revenue for this purpose.

Voted: to adopt Article 14 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and it was voted to adjourn the Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED – 1972

252 Male Dog Licenses
70 Female Dog Licenses
165 Spay Female Dog Licenses
487 Dogs Licensed in 1972

7 Kennel Licenses (4 Dog)

6 Kennel Licenses (10 Dog)

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

25 Deaths, 50 Births and 44 Marriages have been recorded during the year 1972.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1972

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 7	Kathleen Ann Horgan	Philip James Horgan, Jr.	Mary Ellen Burgess
Jan. 7	Danielle Jeannine Cloutier	William Thomas Cloutier	Janet Anderer
Jan. 14	Steven Christopher Lane	Gerald Vincent Lane	Lois Mildred Berry
Jan. 26	Becky Lynn Ware	Barry David Ware	Arlene Kathy Andress
Jan. 27	Christopher Tarn Tomkinson	Lester Edward Tomkinson	Barbara Ellen Urnikis
Jan. 30	Gregory James Karayianes	Edward Karayianes, Jr.	Laurene Mary DeRocher
Feb. 8	John Charles Taylor	Lester Harry Taylor, Jr.	Gilda Edith Romanelli
Feb. 10	Troy William Anderson	Carl William Anderson	Jeanne Andrea Bonica
Feb. 11	Dorothy Lynn Dane	Donald Joseph Dane	Joanne Gladys Town
Feb. 12	Christopher John Reardon	John Timothy Reardon	Catherine Florence Page
Feb. 14	Heather Ann Woodbury	Brian Joseph Woodbury, Sr.	Beverly Ann Stone
Feb. 24	Darren Joseph Lindley	David John Lindley	June Lillian Kristiansan
Feb. 24	Derek James Lindley	David John Lindley	June Lillian Kristiansan
Feb. 25	Dawn Marie Leary	David Thomas Leary	Dorothy Jean LeColst
Mar. 6	Ross Eric MacDonald	Richard Jerome MacDonald	Joyce Brenda Weinburg
Mar. 11	Stephen Matthew Quinn	James Joseph Quinn, Jr.	Jean Ann Hansbury
Mar. 17	Christine Marie Allen	Frederick Charles Allen, II	Catherine Theresa Gallant
Mar. 19	Shane David Wheatley	David Paul Wheatley	Maureen Theresa Quirk
Mar. 20	Nichole Marie Gagnon	Henry Thomas Gagnon	Marie Elena LaRiviere
Mar. 30	Michelle Louise Violette	John Robert Violette	Louiselle Cecile Dufour
Apr. 14	Joseph Alerson Picariello	Philip Alfred Picariello	Mary Ann Noyes
May 2	Cynthia Ann Lee	Joseph Thomas Lee, Jr.	Rosamond Marie Gregory
May 15	Erik James Rourke	James George Rourke	Carol Ann Desjardins
May 21	Michelle Jennifer Boardman	Edward P. Boardman	Margaret L. Melvin
May 24	Roland Edgar Clark, III	Roland Edgar Clark, II	Beverly Jane Rae
June 18	Bruce Eric Flynn	Louis Phillip Flynn	Marguerite Marie Comeau
June 19	Shannon Beth McPhee	Bruce Allen McPhee	Sheila Patricia Seward
June 26	Erin Lee Muzichuk	John Paul Muzichuk, Jr.	Susan Beth Ellsey
June 27	Wendy Peralta	Earle Francis Peralta	Juliette Ann Blais
July 7	Jennifer Anne Runnals	Bruce Edward Runnals	Sharron Jean Pearse
July 12	Sarah Kirven Morse	John Anthony Morse	Frances Fry Kirven
July 28	Duane Joseph White	Robert Duane White	Ann Elizabeth Colburn
Aug. 9	Rachel Marie Dougherty	Frederick Joseph Dougherty	Joan Mildred Mansfield
Aug. 18	Scott Charles Davis	Patrick Deerwood Davis	Ruth Ellen Kupfer
Aug. 31	Theresa Maureen Farrell	Eldon Amos Farrell	Maureen Ellen McCusker
Aug. 31	Rachel Elizabeth Wright	Robert James Wright	Margaret Grace Cleary
Sept. 1	Seth Vincent Farley	Vincent Henry Farley, Jr.	Mary Irene Bzdula
Oct. 12	Gianandrea LaRosa	Peter LaRosa, Jr.	Marta Lisbeth Lazzaro
Oct. 20	Krista Ann Morrison	John Malcolm Morrison, Jr.	Shirley Ann Lunham
Oct. 21	Tanya DeCoito	Daniel Thomas DeCoito	Laurie Mae Stevens
Oct. 25	Robert Charles Ouellette	Robert Brian Ouellette	Virginia Florence White
Nov. 1	Angela Marie Pollard	George Albert Pollard	Charlene Ann Gregory
Nov. 10	Robert Michael Hagan	Thomas Edward Hagan	Virginia Jean Ellis
Nov. 19	Gina Marie Spinelli	James Spinelli, Jr.	Claire Grauer
Nov. 23	Erica Villa DePiero	Richard Fabrizio DePiero	Linda Elena Bianchi
Nov. 25	Carisa Lynne Carney	Jeffrey Scott Carney	Kathleen Ann Curtis
Dec. 19	Jason David Townley	David James Townley	Joan Marie O'Neill
Dec. 12	Kristin Ellen Emerson	Robert Ernest Emerson	Joan Audrey Roberts
Dec. 25	Glenn Colby Frazier	Glenn Colby Frazier	Doris Anne Belanger
Dec. 28	Keith Michael Jones	William Michael Jones	Donna Jeanne Sabino

Please report any errors or omissions of Birth Records to the Town Clerk, that the Records may be corrected accordingly.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1972

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Residence of Groom	Name of Bride	Residence of Bride
Jan. 11	Joseph Michael Martin, Jr.	Charlestown, Mass.	Holly Anne Hersey	Middleton
Jan. 2	Shelby Ion Hendren	Berwyn, Illinois	Nancy Joan Hendred	Middleton
Feb. 26	Donald Carlton Torrey	Kingston, Mass.	Donna Lee Keating	Middleton
Mar. 3	David Raymond Finnegan	Middleton	Donna Jean Doucette	Lynn, Mass.
Mar. 3	John Arthur Dane	Middleton	Linda Lila McCadden	Salem, Mass.
Mar. 4	David George Perry	Middleton	Kathy Ann Dionne	Middleton
Feb. 20	Donald Ralph Ingalls, Jr.	Middleton	Gayle Elizabeth Lemire	Ipswich, Mass.
Feb. 29	Gary Kenneth Lacey	Lynn, Mass.	Kathleen Frasca	Middleton
Mar. 11	Joseph Andre LeFrancois	Middleton	Lucille L'Heureux	Middleton
Mar. 11	David LeRoy Madden	Danvers, Mass.	Judy Ann Forgione	Middleton
Mar. 18	Edward Francis Solimine, Jr.	North Reading, Mass.	Kathy Ann Knight	Middleton
Mar. 18	Robert Irving Wood	Bangor, Maine	Florence Alice Wood	Middleton
Mar. 18	Dominick Ricucci	Middleton	Mary Imelda Flanagan	No. Reading, Mass.
Apr. 8	Wayne Stuart Lumb	No. Andover, Mass.	Debra Lee Turpel	Middleton
Apr. 22	Robert Walter Wilichoski	Middleton	Margaret Ann Maidmant	Hamilton, Mass.
Apr. 22	Ronald Lee Moore	Menlo Park, Calif.	Barbara Joyce Welenc	Danvers, Mass.
May 13	Leon P. Caron	Lawrence, Mass.	Helen Mutzenard	Lawrence, Mass.
May 28	George Albert Pollard	Middleton	Charlene Ann Gregory	Middleton
May 28	Robert Paul Musik	Lynn, Mass.	Sandra J. Greeley	Lynn, Mass.
June 11	David Myron Lippman	Middleton	Patricia Ann Kay	Middleton
June 25	Arthur Gunnar Peterson, Jr.	Boxford, Mass.	Ilona Classen	Middleton
May 27	Bruce John Woodbury	Middleton	Nora Mary Farrell	Middleton
June 4	Robert John Armitage	Middleton	Rosalind Ann Courtney	Middleton
June 11	Thomas Walter Prince	Georgetown, Mass.	Valerie April LeBlanc	Middleton
June 30	Richard Kimball Jewett	Middleton	Doris Marie Senechal	Amesbury, Mass.
June 18	Kerry Christopher Stickney	Boxford, Mass.	Judith Ann Pellicelli	Middleton
July 8	Philip John Riley	Danvers, Mass.	Janet Marie Richardson	Middleton
Aug. 12	John Michael Gentuso	Middleton	Irene Jean O'Callahan	Salem, Mass.
July 22	Walter Goterch, Jr.	Salem, N.H.	Carole Anne Whitmore	Middleton
Aug. 6	Charles Edward Pickard	Topsfield, Mass.	Alison Anne Knobloch	Middleton
Aug. 27	James Herbert Ogden	Middleton	Maryann Vaillancourt	Methuen, Mass.
Aug. 26	James L. Mahen, Jr.	Topsfield, Mass.	Cheryl A. Quimby	Bedford, N.H.
Sept. 2	Paul Joseph Fitzpatrick	Middleton	Lena Lettica Hart	Lynn, Mass.
Sept. 8	James Peter Grigg	Gloucester, Mass.	Lynda Marie Kinsvater	Middleton
Sept. 9	Earl Francis Brochu	Beverly, Mass.	Kathryn Anne Bailey	Middleton
Sept. 17	Daniel James Maynard	Middleton	Patricia Louise Main	Beverly, Mass.
Sept. 22	Steven Rory Dagley	Danvers, Mass.	Pamela Louise Fransworth	Middleton
Sept. 23	John Edward Larson	Middleton	Dianne Lynne Clarke	Middleton
Oct. 8	Robert William Patterson	Middleton	Laurene Louise Monschein	Middleton
Oct. 21	Stephen D. Crosby	Boston	Suzanne Forgione	Boston
Oct. 21	Arthur Gideon Levesque	Salem, Mass.	Calliope Stackhouse	Middleton
Nov. 18	Carl Lars Solheim	Middleton	Joan Theresa Harvey	Salem, Mass.
Nov. 17	Chandler William Rudd	Andover, Mass.	Darlene Ann Crossley	Middleton
Dec. 1	Dennis Lee Gould	Middleton	Denise Norma Dolloff	Middleton

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1972

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age
Jan. 8	Fred Palombo	57
Jan. 25	Irma F. Sherman	55
Jan. 28	Steven Christopher Lane	14 days
Feb. 24	Darren Joseph Lindley	
Feb. 24	Derek James Lindley	
Feb. 7	Elizabeth Norwood	71
Feb. 25	Beverly L. Ellison	55
Apr. 5	Eva (Morrisette) Corriveau	72
June 12	Eveline Dion	75
May 3	Harry Russell Woodward	90
May 17	Charles S. Clinch, Sr.	90
May 26	Ralph H. Russell	46
June 19	Annie (Hilchuk) Rubchinuk	82
Aug. 3	George A. Stahler	75
Aug. 12	Charles Philip Baker	73
Aug. 18	Edward Ellsworth Coffin	83
Aug. 27	Albert Lincoln Miller	57
Sept. 25	Louis W. Harrison	60
Sept. 27	Augustine J. Fanning	95
Aug. 4	Charles D. Langille	83
Sept. 2	Joseph Citroni	63
Oct. 12	Arnold Bradley London	70
Dec. 5	Esther H. Woodbury	77
Dec. 9	Mary Isabel O'Brien	66
Dec. 11	Mary R. Clukey Richardson	70

BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past year, the Board of Appeals heard a total of 33 petitions, under the Zoning By-Laws of the Town. Twenty-three of these petitions were granted, with appropriate conditions, and restrictions where applicable. Four petitions were denied; four were withdrawn without prejudice; one petition was postponed till 1973; one petition received no decision, as there is a pending court case which could affect the hearing. One of the petitions denied in January, 1972, was a hold-over from 1971.

Financially, though the Expense Account was overspent, the Advertising and Salary Accounts remained well in the black, with unexpended monies. Therefore, the Board will be returning money to the Town.

The regularly-scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held at Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 p.m.

A deposit of $20.00 in the form of a check payable to the Town of Middleton must be presented to the Town Clerk at the time of filing a petition, at least 20 days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Board. Each petitioner may be subject to additional billing if the expense incurred for his hearing exceeds the deposit.

The Board regrets losing the services of Mr. Nathan Hayward, one of our long-time members, who tendered his resignation due to outside personal affairs. Mr. Hayward has served long and well as a member of this Board. A new member, as yet, has not been appointed by the Selectmen.

The Board wants to thank each and all the Town Officials, Department Heads, and operating personnel for their whole-hearted cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ebbe Wennerberg, Chairman
Philip J. Cataldo, Clerk
Lionel Barrows
Joseph Conceison
Louis Fioretti, Alternate
Robert Kelley, Alternate

ASSESSORS

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1972 tax rate.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Appropriations	2,675,629.94
Total Appropriations voted to be taken from Available Funds	121,656.58
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay for 1968 and 1971	2,647.50
School Lunch Program	4,621.84
Free Public Libraries	1,516.50
County Tax	31,660.16
State Recreation Area	7,880.72
Metropolitan Districts Area	179.30
1971 Underestimates of Metropolitan Districts Area	4.57
Mass. Bay Trans. Authority	37,084.00
Mosquito Control Projects	6,084.79
1971 Underestimates of Mosquito Control Projects	4.85
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	439.05
Air Pollution Control Districts	144.86
1971 Underestimates of Air Pollution Control Districts	128.07
Ipswich River Water Shed	354.77
1972 Overlay	35,221.93
Gross amount to be raised	2,925,259.43

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1971 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds	507,337.18
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	98,294.95
Licenses	9,392.50
Fines	1,400.00
Protection of Persons and Property	2,823.20
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Dept. and Electric Light Dept.	904,472.00
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	2,500.00
Interest; on Taxes and Assessments	5,248.78
Farm Animal Excise	32.00
Town of Danvers. . .lieu of Taxes	2,910.54
M.I.T. . . . lieu of Taxes	2,232.37
Overestimates of Cherry Sheet	3,794.88
Total voted to be taken from Available Funds	194,156.58
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,734,594.98
Gross amount to be raised	2,925,259.43
Total estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,734,594.98
Net amount to be raised by Taxation	1,190,664.45

TOTAL VALUATION

Personal Property	399,660.00
Real Estate	18,712,240.00
Tax Rate	62.30

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Wake, Chairman
Donald A. Aylward
Bernard Greenbaum

Building Inspector

Following is a summary of the Building Permits issued from January 1, 1972 thru December 31, 1972.

No. of Permits	Purpose	Valuation	Fees
15	Dwellings	305,000.00	335.00
9	Garages	17,950.00	72.00
4	Alterations	11,100.00	29.00
30	Additions	65,320.00	218.00
2	Stairs	750.00	2.00
5	Pools	20,700.00	40.00
4	Signs	6,900.00	16.00
6	Barns, Sheds	13,200.00	33.00
1	Foundations	250,000.00	250.00
2	New Business	118,000.00	120.00
1	Restaurant & Bar	25,000.00	25.00
2	Repair Fire Damage	200,700.00	204.00
10	Reshingle Roof	6,699.00	40.00
1	Inspection-Bay Extension	30,000.00	25.00
1	Hose Tower	7,500.00	15.00
1	Vinyl Siding	2,000.00	10.00
3	Demolition		14.00
1	Service Station-Gas Pumps	6,000.00	15.00
1	Equipment Bldg.	5,000.00	10.00
99		$1,091,819.00	$1,473.00

I want to thank all inspectors and departments and boards for their cooperation this past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. William Martin for standing in as Building Inspector while I was ill. It is a good thing for the Town to have capable people available in a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Campano, Jr.
Building Inspector

Gas Inspector

Permits Issued	45
Fees collected	$225.00
Inspections made to date	45
Expenses incurred to date	$ 97.00

Expenses are for mileage only.

Comments:
Since the file cabinet was broken into at or about the time the offices were in the process of being rearranged it will be removed and kept in my office and any information needed or requested will be available and supplied.

Signed, William Fuller
Jan. 14, 1973

Plumbing Inspector

Permits Issued	23
Fees collected	$146.00
Inspections made to date	46
Expenses incurred to date	$103.60

Expenses are for mileage only.

Comments:
Some mileage would not have been involved if houses or mailboxes had been marked properly.

Expenses for 1973 will be much higher than they have been due to the amount of time and travel that will be and has been consumed with the condominium under construction.

Signed, William Fuller
Jan. 14, 1973

Wire Inspector

I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1972.

There were 120 permits issued amounting in fees $120.00. There were 18 New Services: 17 change-overs for larger services due to an increase in load: 15 Temporary Services: 6 3-phase 4-wire Services. The remaining permits were for Oil Burners, Air Conditioners, Swimming Pools and additional wiring.

All wiring has been inspected up to date except 22 jobs which are in the process of construction. A total of over 130 calls have been made since January 1, 1972 covering over 800 Miles. There were many calls made at the request of those planning to have electrical work installed and wanting information. There have been a number of trips to Ferncroft Village where they are building.

I would like to express to the townspeople that it is very important when having electrical work done to have it done by a licensed electrician. I have found many homes with the electrical system overloaded. It is for their safety that electrical work be inspected. It is very important that Swimming Pools, Wading Pools be inspected.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Electric Light Department, the Building Inspector and the people of Middleton for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

John Milbery
Wire Inspector

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

During the year 1972, improvements have continued in the Cemetery: Holly Avenue has been hot-topped, and a new road built around the ledge.

In conjunction with the Tree Department, a stockpile of wood chips has been accumulated, for use by residents of the Town who wish to pick them up at the Cemetery.

Due to continual rising costs it has become necessary to set new rates for the purchase of lots:

Single Grave	$ 25.00
Perpetual Care	75.00
Recording	1.00
Total	$101.00
6-Grave Lot	$150.00
Perpetual Care	225.00
Recording	1.00
Total	$376.00
12-Grave Lot	$300.00
Perpetual Care	400.00
Recording	1.00
Total	$701.00

We wish to call to the attention of residents that there are no funds available for the care of old lots without Perpetual Care.

The Cemetery Commissioners thank the various departments for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lavorgna
Edward Richardson

COMMUNITY NURSE

The role of the Community Nurse appears to be undergoing a revolution. Social and economic changes, advances in technology, and changes in medicine and the patterns of administering health care are partially responsible for the new trend which is taking place in home health care. The broadening of the concept of public health to include prevention and control of chronic as well as communicable disease and the increasing enlightenment of the public of the services offered are demanding a greater assessment of our obligations to the community.

Nursing, as a part of a community health program service, must include the control of disease, the care and rehabilitation of the sick and disabled, and the promotion of healthful living. Providing nursing care and counsel to individuals and their families, both in groups or individually, in clinics or in their own homes, is the responsibility of the Community Nurse. Participating in educational programs of all types is mandatory for the efficient planning and carrying out of the community health program.

Although in the beginning, public health efforts were directed mostly toward the prevention of communicable disease, today efforts are aimed largely at the prevention and control of disease. Public health nursing is not only concerned with physical health but social and mental health is also a major consideration. In general, the comprehensive needs of the whole community must be met.

By helping families to better understand mental, emotional or social problems the handicaps of the family's well-being and obstacles to recovery of the sick may be erradicated.

As you can see, the scope of the Community Nurse is as broad as are the health needs of the people.

A new program was started for the senior citizens of our community. Health counselling sessions are held regularly to provide our elderly with information necessary for the prevention of acute illness and control of chronic disease. Blood pressure clinics are held monthly. It is interesting to note that at the very first clinic held, three persons were referred to their doctors when they were found to be bordering alarmingly high blood pressures. These people are now being treated with medication. Dangerous consequences could have presumably been averted.

Telephone conferences are held with other members of the community, but it is my goal to expand the health sessions to include everyone who wishes guidance in nutrition, health finances, referral resources, etc. or who just wish to rap.

Regular routine procedures saw 135 pre-school children screened for lazy eye. 2 were referred to ophthalmologists. Glasses were prescribed for 1 child. The other required no treatment but is closely supervised by his eye doctor. 2 children had already been found with lazy eyes before the screening clinic was held. They are presently wearing patches as treatment. How tragic it could have been if early treatment had not been initiated.

Flu immunization was administered to 68 town employees and senior citizens in 2 clinics held in the Community Nurse's office. We are constantly conscious of the health of the people of the community. The Board of Health sponsors this anti-flu program in order that town employees and senior citizens may maintain a high caliber of good health.

Immunizations for pre-school children were administered to 30 children in several clinics held throughout the year. 5 children were given protection against polio. Rubella vaccine was administered to 12 pre-schoolers and 5 received DPT immunization. A total of 7 were protected against mumps with 6 receiving measles protection.

There was 1 active case of tuberculosis reported to the state. All contacts of this person were investigated and tested to be sure their health was not impaired. The affected individual is at present being followed by his own private physician through his own prerogative. There are still 5 active cases being closely followed with 11 ex-patients under constant supervision. Contacts who are under surveillance because of direct contact or due to positive reaction when skin-tested number 65.

All food handlers in the town are skin tested yearly. Those who are found to react positively are sent to North Shore Pulmonary Clinic at Salem Hospital for chest x-rays. This is a method of protecting the person himself while assuring the community that only those of unquestionable health are employed by food handling establishments. There were 94 persons tested.

Persons reported to have contagious diseases were visited. All contacts were tested with advice on preventative spread given. There were 17 ill persons and their contacts visited. Childhood communicable diseases reported to the state numbered only 4.

Visiting nurse duties continue to fill the major portion of the day. In 1972 there were 955 visits made to patients for nursing service. Of this number 2 premature infants were seen and 31 full-term new babies were visited. 94 new admissions caused our case load to soar. There were 67 discharged. This left a carry over of 27 to begin the new year. Of these patients 3 received 9 physical therapy visits. A grand total of 1073 people received benefit through Community Nurse services.

Conferences are attended or held regularly throughout the year with nearly every town department involved as well as with scores of area agencies. My philosophy is "Get everyone involved. More power is gained through greater numbers."

Inservice programs attended included one on planning for community health care, a program on venereal disease and another on cystic fibrosis.

I must again express my gratitude to Mrs. Mary P. Santapaula for her unending dependability and faithfulness. The competence with which she performs her duties as my assistant are a valuable asset to the agency and to the community.

Mrs. William Shaw, who became a staff member this year, has added considerably to the efficiency of our agency. By relieving me of secretarial duties and allowing me to perform the duties for which I am responsible, those of nursing, more time can be spent in the community serving its people. For her patience with the chaos which so often exists in our office, I can only say "thanks."

To Mrs. Virginia Stevens, R.N. who continues to answer my calls for help during weekends and holidays go my thanks and appreciation.

To the Nursing Advisory Committee, Medical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors and scores of volunteers, I am indebted.

For a year in which I have received tremendous satisfaction, I thank you all.

Sincerely,

Marie T. Deschamps, R.N.
Community Nurse

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The Conservation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Regular meetings were held on the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at Memorial Hall. These were open to the public which is cordially invited to attend.

This year, as in the past, members of this commission have attended seminars and schooling sessions with the intent of keeping abreast of possible solutions to problems stemming from our social standards and their effects on our environment.

Legislation which became effective last Feb. 7, 1972 gave the Conservation Commission a more effective role in protecting our environment. Amendments to the Hatch Act now require that any necessary hearings regarding filling, or other work in wetlands, be held by the Conservation Commissions instead of mayors or selectmen. It is interesting to note that other amendments to the Hatch Act have enabled concerned people to further regulate the indiscriminate use of wetlands necessary for water supply, flood control, pollution and erosion. These amendments combined both the Hatch Act and the Jones Act into one comprehensive piece of legislation for the protection of some of our resources. It was approved on July 18, 1972, and became effective on October 16, 1972.

In keeping with an open space program we are continuing to cooperate with the County of Essex in the acquisition of land for conservation purposes. The county, to date, has acquired approximately 60 acres in Middleton, most of which lies along the Ipswich River. The county has the necessary funding for land purchase which this commission does not have.

In August, at the request of this commission, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service presented an evaluation and plans for improving an area of approximately 2 acres at the junction of King and Mt. Vernon Streets. This area contains the small pond on the property acquired by the Town of Middleton last March and would be improved for recreational purposes. This proposal is on file and may be considered when the town prepares plans for municipal use of the area.

Through proper legislation and the continued interest and support of the townspeople, we will continue to work towards a sensible and acceptable approach to todays complex living standards. We can no longer accept all things as being done in the name of progress. Toward this end, the members of the Conservation Commission wish to express their gratitude for the interest and support during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Sawyer, Chairman
Leonard W. Kupreance, Secretary
Francis E. Gorham
George M. Farley

COUNCIL ON AGING

At the regular March 1972 Town Meeting, the Council on Aging requested an appropriation of $1,000.00. This appropriation was to be set aside for the Council on Aging to finance their activities for the year 1972. The Finance Committee endorsed and the Town voted unanimously in favor of it. A list of projects and activities accomplished by the Council follows: February, Valentines Party at the American Legion Hall; March and April, four weeks of country painting and four weeks of stenciling; June, Bus trip to Boston Harbor for boat trip and then to the Prudential Center and Tower; July, annual Paradise Park Chicken Barbecue with over 50 elderly attending; August, Boat trip around Lake Winnepausaukee on the Mt. Washington boat; September, Isles of Shoals trip at Portsmouth, N.H.; October, Educational bus trip to Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and a four week candlemaking course, and a ten week knitting and crocheting course which is to be resumed for another ten weeks in January; November, Christmas arts and crafts course for five weeks; December, 3rd Annual Christmas Party and Dinner for all Senior Citizens of Middleton with over 70 people attending.

The Council has cooperated with Mrs. Marie Deschamps and the Community Nurse Information Service which is held for all Senior Citizens of Middleton every Monday morning between 10:00 – 12 noon at the Community Hall at Orchard Circle.

A branch library has been established rendering services to the elderly at the Community Hall every Tuesday afternoon between 1–3 P.M. with Mrs. Joan DeBoer, volunteer branch librarian.

Transportation to and from the North Shore Shopping Center and Liberty Tree Mall is provided by North Shore Plymouth of Danvers every Thursday morning. Transportation leaves from the Community Hall at 10:00 A.M. and returns there at 1:00 P.M.

Many activities and projects are planned for the up-coming year and the Council on Aging hopes all Senior Citizens of Middleton take part.

The Council wishes to take this opportunity to thank The Board of Selectmen, The American Legion, The Lions Club, all the merchants and business establishments for the financial support given to the Council which made the Christmas party and dinner possible. Also, we wish to thank the Recreation Committee for sponsoring a bus tour in December for the elderly to observe the Christmas lights and decorative displays in many locations.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester V. Morrelli, Chairman
Frank Jones, Financial Secretary
Alice Milbery, Correspondence Secretary
Shirley Raynard, Recording Secretary
Richard Ajootian
Joan DeBoer
Mary Hoctor
Pearl Charron
Corrine Roy

Knitting and Crocheting Class at Orchard Circle Recreation Hall

Christmas Party at American Legion Hall

DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit my report as dog officer for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Complaints received and investigated	196
Dogs restrained	5
Dogs placed in pound	45
Dogs returned to rightful owner	36
Poultry and animals killed by dogs	10
Report of dog bites	49
Stray dogs disposed of	27
Selectmen's hearings on dog complaints	3
Removed dogs killed on highway	28
Miscellaneous cases	210

In making this report I would like to point out that there were 253 delinquent dog owners. The owners were notified to license their dogs and did so without court appearance.

A total of 745 miles was traveled in investigation of the various dog complaints.

Middleton's fourth rabies clinic was held May 5, 1972: 149 dogs and cats were inoculated. A rabies clinic will be sponsored in Town in May, 1973.

I wish to notify all dog owners that their dog licenses are due on April 1, 1973. The penalty for being the owner and/or keeper of a dog 3 months old after March 31st, which has not been licensed, is $15.00 each.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, the Town Clerk, and all dog owners, for their splendid spirit and co-operation shown during the year 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Ohlson
Dog Officer

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The Board of Electric Light Commissioners respectfully submits its report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1972.

During the year, regular and special meetings were held by the Board at its office on South Main St.

Total Power Purchased	27,948,516 kwh
Total Cost of Power	$383,486.72
Peak Demand	5247 kw
Date Occurred	Mon., Dec. 18, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Services Installed	
3 wire, new	18
3 wire, conversions	17
4 wire, 3 phase, new	6
Temporary Services 3 wire	13
Temporary Services, 4 wire, 3 phase	2
New primary distribution lines constructed	
overhead	5085 ft.
underground	1443 ft.
Primary distribution lines rebuilt for increased capacity	9745 ft.
New 23KV transmission lines constructed	
overhead	6680 ft.
underground	293 ft.

Of the above construction, all three phase distribution lines and all overhead transmission lines were constructed of Spacer Cable for maximum strength and reliability.

Installation of the new sub station off Boston Street and its 23 KV supply line from Central Street was completed in 1972 and the station is scheduled to be energized in early 1973.

A rate study was completed by William D. Wilkinson, Rate Consultant and new rates went into effect on May 1, 1972, to incorporate the, previously applied, surcharge into all rates.

Nine new street lights were added to the Street Light System this year for a total of 573 Street Lights. Savings in cost of street lighting service to the Town again reflect approximately $15,000.00 under cost of similar service to other nearby towns not served by a municipally owned system.

Our December 1972 peak demand was 5247 kw, reflecting an increase of 290 kw or 5.85% above the 1971 system peak demand. Of this demand Central St. Sub station demand was 4519 kw, an increase of 301 kw or 7.14% above that station's 1971 peak.

This department is cooperating with all other member Departments in the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts and Northeast Public Power Association, through their Washington attorneys, in hearings before the Federal Power Commission, to reduce to a minimum any increases in cost of Wholesale Power from the Suppliers.

Paul Kilroy, John Bishop and Gene Trask are continuing their participation in the State Approved Apprentice Training and On the Job Training Program under the direction of Line Foreman, Charles Clinch, Jr.

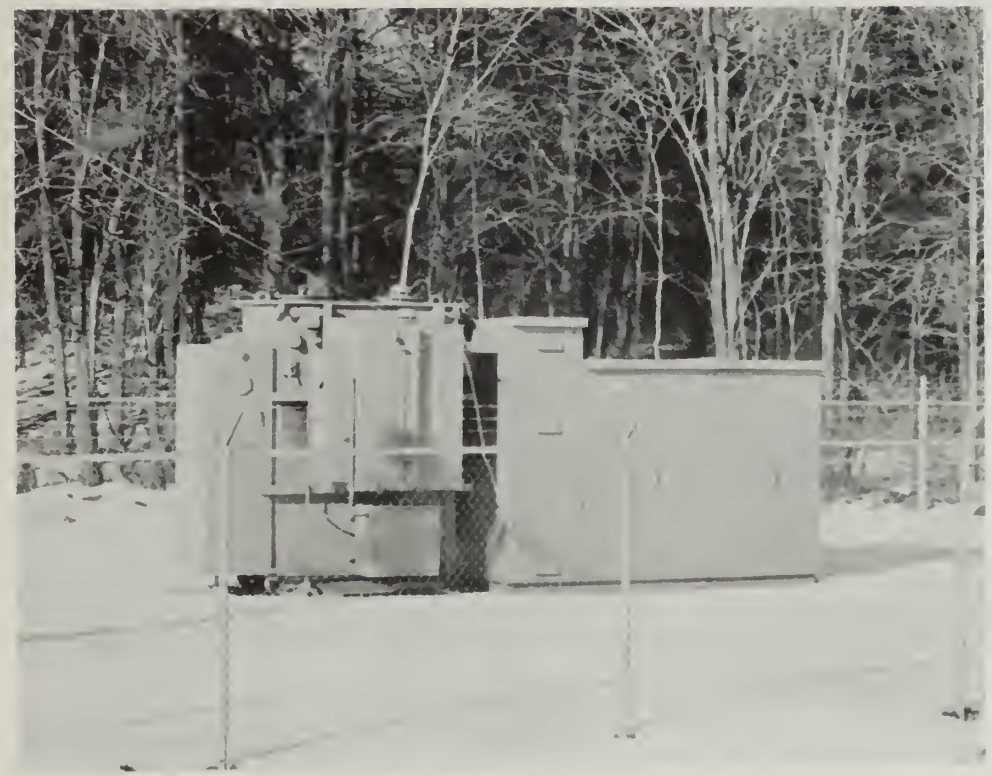
Manager Lansing English was elected president of the Municipal Electric Association for the year 1973.

Our alternating Northeastern student engineers are brothers, James and Louis Sabino. Any Middleton Masconomet Seniors, contemplating continuing education at Northeastern's Power Engineering School is invited to discuss the program with Mr. English.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town Officials and all other Town Departments for their helpful cooperation during the past year.

Board of Electric Light Commissioners
Middleton Municipal Light Department

John W. Kinsvater
John T. Dowling
Robert W. Fox



Middleton No. 2 Substation, 5000 KVA; Off Boston Street

M.I.T. Substation No. 4, 2500 KVA, Bates Linear Accellerator, M.I.T. Laboratory For Nuclear Science; off Maple St.

Left to right: J. Kinsvater, J. L. English, J. Dowling.

Rebuilt Ladder Truck

New Pumper

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1972.

The Fire Department personnel consists of a permanent chief, deputy-chief, lieutenant, two privates, and a call force of a captain, three lieutenants, and twenty-six privates for a total of thirty-five men. We have two vacancies in the call force at this time.

The roster of the department is as follows:

Chief	Harold F. Purdy
Deputy-Chief	George W. Nash
Captain	James H. Ogden, Sr.
Lieutenant	William J. Hocter
Lieutenant	Charles H. Ohlson
Lieutenant	John M. Cryan
Lieutenant	Richard Collins
Firefighter	Frank Karayianes
Firefighter	Henry Michalski
Firefighter	Chas. S. Clinch, Jr.
Firefighter	Chas. S. Clinch, III
Firefighter	George Dow
Firefighter	Richard Floyd, Jr.
Firefighter	Richard Goodale, Sr.
Firefighter	Richard Goodale, Jr.
Firefighter	Francis Hocter
Firefighter	Andrew Karayianes
Firefighter	Edward Karayianes
Firefighter	Paul Kilroy
Firefighter	George Kimball
Firefighter	David Leary
Firefighter	James K. Martin
Firefighter	Edward Michalski
Firefighter	William Mugford, Jr.
Firefighter	James Muise
Firefighter	Charles Newhall
Firefighter	Carl Ohlson
Firefighter	Carl Peterson
Firefighter	Karl Shuman
Firefighter	Wilbur Witham
Firefighter	Richard Nash

Auxilliary

Samuel Poel
Barry Stevens
James Saulnier

The Fire Department answered 409 calls in 1972. This was an increase of nineteen calls over last year. The calls answered were as follows:

Buildings	17
Automobiles & Trucks	25
Brush, Woods, Rubbish & Grass	44
Dumps	5
Oil Burners	2
Electrical	12
Chimneys	0
Mattresses	1
Ovens & Stoves	8
Washers & Dryers	1
Miscellaneous (Accidents, etc.)	28
Service Calls	75
Rescue & Medical Aid Calls	51
Investigations (Smoke, Gas, etc.)	48
Assist Police	25
Mutual Aid	24
Burning Complaints	9
Nitric Acid Spill	1
Needless	11
False Alarms	22
Total	409

Box Alarms	89
Still Alarms	320
Total	409

Inspections and Permits granted for the following:

Oil Burners	23
Explosives	8
Total	31

There were no permits to burn issued in 1972, as the law bans all outdoor burning. The fact that we answered only nine burning complaints since the law went into effect, indicates very good cooperation from the citizens of the town.

All routine inspections of Town Buildings, Schools, Churches, and mercantile buildings, gasoline service stations, etc., were conducted. Fire Drills were conducted in the schools.

The Fire Alarm system is in good repair. However, we were unable to expand the system this year as the central office equipment has reached its capacity, and must be replaced. This situation has been approaching as mentioned in previous Annual Reports. Hopefully, I am delaying this problem until June, 1974.

I am pleased that a fire detection system is being considered for Memorial Hall. Similar action should be considered for all town owned buildings, particularly Flint Library, and Town Hall, and tied into the fire department.

The space requirements for the department are critical. We need more space for apparatus, an office for the chief, space for fire prevention, storage of records, hose, fire alarm wires, cables, and maintenance parts. We are in need of more adequate training facilities. The relocation of the Highway Department, now in the basement, to new quarters, and giving the Fire Department the use of the entire building, could solve many of these problems.

The base radio station located in headquarters will have to be replaced this year. This unit has been in continuous service since 1954, a total of eighteen years. It was out of service several times this past year. It is the most critical unit in the communications system as it controls all operations. I am requesting funds for its replacement.

I also strongly recommend acceptance of the Boca, Basic Building Code at the Annual Town Meeting. This code will be mandatory for all cities, and towns, in 1975, but with the type of building now being done I feel we need it now.

I am also inserting an article in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting asking for acceptance of the Fire Prevention Code, 1970 Edition, as recommended by the American Insurance Association.

I still feel that the numbering of buildings in town should be completed, also eliminate names of streets which are similar, and to name private ways.

Due to the increasing traffic problem, I recommend installation of proper traffic lights in Middleton Square with control in the fire station.

The drill school is in its eighteenth year of operation with continuing excellent enthusiasm. In addition to first aid training which is updated yearly, we will have four members taking the E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician) course at Union Hospital, in Lynn, in March, and four in September. This course is held evenings, and includes seventy-one hours of lectures, and demonstrations, and ten hours of in hospital experience.

We need to start a program for purchase of large diameter hose (4 inch) known as above ground water system.

We are in need of additional permanent, and call, personnel, to meet Underwriters recommendations.

In 1972 we finally received delivery of Engine 2, which was voted at the 1970 Annual Town Meeting. It was put in service in June. Also through the generosity of the Middleton Firefighter's Association, and interested citizens of the town, a good used Aerial Ladder truck was purchased, thoroughly gone over, and turned over to the town for one dollar. It has proved its worth several times since put in service in May. This unit also brings all of our equipment into compliance with Underwriters Requirements.

The hose tower voted at Annual Town Meeting is about ninety per cent completed. It is in use but we have some work to do on the outside, waterproof the walls, which we will complete in the spring.

We now man the Police Department communications system nights, and weekends, or whenever there is no one in the office.

If there is a Fire Alarm box available use it for any type of emergency. If you telephone be sure to Dial 774-2211 for emergency only.

For routine department business Dial 774-3226.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, and the Citizens of the Town for their cooperation during the year.

To the officers, and men, of the department, my sincere thanks for your efforts to make the department one to be proud of.

Respectfully submitted:

Harold F. Purdy, Chief

New Hose Tower

BOARD OF HEALTH

In April of this year, a Board of Health was established as independent from the Board of Selectmen. The three members were appointed for terms of one year, two years, and three years.

The regular meetings of the Board of Health were held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Memorial Hall.

The first official acts of the Board included the reappointment of Arthur Donovan as Health Agent and Sanitarian and the awarding of the Sanitary Landfill contract.

The Sanitary Landfill has operated, since June 1, under the supervision of James Currier and Sons, Inc. according to the specifications listed in the contract. It has remained in operation during the same hours, Sunday 8 A.M.-6 P.M., Wednesday 8 A.M.-5 P.M., and Saturday 8 A.M.-6 P.M.

During the special town meeting in September, funds were transfered from the gravel appropriations to a special fund for the leasing of a site for, and preparation of, a nightsoil deposit area. This was necessitated by the inadequacy of the present sanitary landfill. A verbal agreement was made with Richardson Trust and preparation was initiated. Completion of the project is pending.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank town officials and others who have helped in the establishment and operation of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Armitage, Chairman
Eugene LeBlanc, Clerk
Edward Jones, M.D.

HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN

I hereby submit my report for the calendar year of 1972 to the Board of Health and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

Disposal Works Installers' Permits	12
Permits granted for sewage disposal installations	47
Installations inspected and approved	35
Installations not completed	12
Fees for permits paid to the Town Treasurer	1,439.00
Complaints of unsanitary conditions investigated	105
Water tests taken at public and private bathing areas	63
*Contagious diseases reported (Pub. & Pvt. water supply)	22*
Animal bites reported to Board of Health	49
Food serving establishments inspected	18
Travel vaccinations visas approved	3
Conferences held with State officials relative to health matters requiring State approvel	32
Conferences with Welfare Department	2
Conferences with Community Nurse	6
Fee for installer's permits for sanitary sewage works Exp. date 12/31 of each year	25.00
Partial replacement of sanitary sewage works	15.00
Complete replacement of sanitary sewage works	25.00
Commercial installation of sanitary sewage works	45.00
Condemnations	1
Rat Control Program at Town Dump	1 Cases of bait
Red Tide Shell Fish Contamination Markets and	6
Restaurants notified	18
Site for Night Soil deposit of raw sewage excavated and partially prepared on property leased from the Richardson Trust for one year @	$1000.00

Arthur R. Donovan

Left to right: E. Leblanc, J. Armitage, Chairwoman, Dr. E. Jones.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Herewith is the report of the Highway Department for the year 1972:

Snow Removal

Snow Removal money was expended as follows:

Labor	$15,210.99
Equipment	10,604.35
Sand	3,945.18
Salt	7,138.35
Snow Plow—Blades & Parts	2,874.09
Massachusetts—Public Works	89.35
	$39,862.31

Chapter 81

The usual patching, drainage, and general maintenance work was done; the following streets were resurfaced:

6 Forest Street	.50 miles
7 Gregory Street	.57 miles
11 Lake Street	.80 miles
12 Liberty Street	.50 miles
21 Pleasant Street	.24 miles
28 Webb Street	.70 miles
38 Pinedale Road	.25 miles

Chapter 90 Construction

A new section of Forest Street is nearly ready for surfacing; it should be completed in the Spring.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

This money was expended on Boston and Lowell Streets, which were hot-topped.

Highway Expenses

This account takes care of all expenses not covered by Chapter 81 and 90. The continual increase over the last few years is due to pay raises.

Storm Drains

This money was expended on Lake Street, Liberty Street, Highland Road, East Street, and North Main Street; all catch basins were cleaned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan G. Marshall
Highway Surveyor

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Middleton Housing Authority respectfully submits its seventh annual report for the calendar year ending on December 31, 1972.

The housing for the elderly at Orchard Circle completed fifty one months of occupancy on this date.

Five apartments were vacated and re-leased during the year and we have 37 applications on file.

At the annual election Mr. Richard G. Goodale was re-elected as a member of the authority.

An audit of the financial transactions and the books of record was taken in February and approved by the State Auditor.

The Authority wishes to thank the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Highway Department for their kind assistance as well as the Town Officials, Community Services and the Department of Community Affairs of the Commonwealth for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Goodale, Chairman
Carl A. Peterson
Louis A. Barett
George W. Miller
Dominic Pellicelli

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 1972

The Industrial Development Commission respectfully submits their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

No meetings were required this year due to the current economic situation. During the year 1972 the Commission received only one inquiry. This was concerned with locating a small machine shop and we were successful in finding a site. Other small industries did move to Middleton without need of assistance from the Commission.

The year probably closed out as a net loss due to the impending relocation of a major concern. It appears that this loss was directly due to the high price of industrially zoned land available for expansion of that industry firm. In the past we have often failed to gain industry for that reason, however, this is the first relocation out of Middleton due to such a cause.

The Commission has informally explored areas of resolve, for the above mentioned problem, with other committees, particularly the Board of Selectmen. It appears that to obtain an increased tax base that rezoning of the present industrial land must be explored.

The Commission welcomes this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Board of Assessors, and other boards and citizens who have assisted us during the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
John Violette
Douglas Nelson

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

I hereby submit my report as inspector of animals for the year ending December 31, 1972:

REPORT OF ANIMAL BITES

Animals quarantined for ten days, for suspicion of rabies, and released. (Chapter 129 General Laws, T.E.).

Dogs	40
Cats	

ANIMALS INSPECTED AND RELEASED

	Grade	Purebreed
Number of milk cows and heifers two years old and older	442	0
Number of dairy heifers one or two years of age	1	1
Number of heifers calves under one year	32	
Number of dairy bulls	11	0
Number of beef cattle	24	8
Number of horses		67
Number of ponies		62
Number of sheep		7
Number of goats		3
Number of swine		42
Number of burros		3

A total of 617 miles was traveled inspecting livestock, and quarantined dog bites.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Ohlson
Inspector of Animals

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. James Coffin, Sr. was elected to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Donald Alyward's decision not to run for his tenth term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In April the Trustees accepted, with regret, the resignation of its Librarian, Philip Northway. However, most of the programs initiated by Mr. Northway are being continued and whenever possible, expanded. The biggest barrier to this endeavor is the continued lack of space for future programs and materials.

Story-hours for preschoolers are still being conducted weekly at the Library and Fuller-Meadow School through the continued co-operation of the School Department. Our new story tellers are Mrs. Jacquelyn Comer and Mrs. Patricia Kelley. Jacquelyn is a welcome newcomer to Middleton and Pat substitutes for her whenever necessary.

Prior to the Christmas holidays an adult demonstration in "Cake Decorating" was being held at the Fuller Meadow School on Fridays between the hours of ten and eleven a.m. This program was heavily dependent upon the volunteer services of Mrs. Florence Peart and Mrs. Margaret Ajootian who were both assisted by Mrs. Page Campbell of our staff. On Wednesdays during the same season and time of day, Mrs. Chitose Messenger volunteered to teach adult classes in "Origami" or the "Artistry of Paper Folding" at the Flint.

We have also extended services to the elderly through the sincerity of our very special volunteer, Mrs. Joan DeBoer. On every Tuesday from one to three p.m. Joan transports some of the library to Orchard Circle in the form of books, magazines, records and other materials. Working through Mrs. Dorothy English and along with the other staff members it is hoped that the elderly will eventually be introduced to the entire library. Plans for continuing the film program at Orchard Circle are being finalized while a similar service at the Middleton Colony is already underway.

Mrs. Geraldine Shipley donated her talents in Candlemaking to the library on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Grade schoolers created with wax until the annual time for Christmas vacation.

With the ending of previous classes and the beginning of a new year two clubs were initiated. The "Stamp Club" meets in the library on Tuesday at seven p.m. and the "Coin Club" at the same hour on Wednesdays.

Mini-Prints for the children have been added to the framed art collection and the local schools have extended their use of the films and filmstrips.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Christine Kunz, a sixth grade teacher at the Howe-Manning School, the entire class has been rewardingly exposed to library materials. This was accomplished through visits, homework assignments requiring the use of a variety of references and quizzes.

We are presently attempting to familiarize the community with the expanded inter-library loan service. This is a bookmobile that presently circulates materials between participating libraries five mornings a week. It replaces the prior system of waiting for requests to arrive through the mails with the exception of some rare titles that may have to be circulated from Cape Cod, New Bedford or other distant areas. In these instances we are still dependent upon the postal service.

STATISTICS

Attendance	14885
Circulation of materials	
Adult books (F.P.L.)	7749
Children's books (F.P.L.)	7639
Bookmobile books	4215
Inter-Library loan books	145
Framed art	100
Recordings	1285
Filmstrips	132
Films	171
Talking books	162
Periodicals	1332
Pamphlets	69
Headphones	919
Registration, new	205
Volumes added	1059
Volumes discarded	1789
Inter-library requests	174
Bookmobile requests	216
Story hours	47

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Coffin, Chairman Trustees
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.
Carl C. Jones
David W. Kelley
Rita M. Kelley
Paul B. Wake
Virginia F. Wentworth, Librarian

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance, Jan. 1, 1972		1,703.75
Income:		
Fines on overdue books	225.10	
Books lost or damaged	2.00	
B.F. Emerson Fund	519.44	
Charles L. Flint Fund	316.49	
Mary E. Emerson Fund	169.04	
Walter S. Flint Fund	110.64	
Lexington Ave. & 42nd St. Corp.	20.00	
Check lost in transit	69.05	
Total Income		1,431.76
Total Funds Available		3,135.51
Expended:		
Books	798.27	
Magazines	50.90	
Total Expenses		849.17
Balance, Dec. 31, 1972		$ 2,286.34

MARY ESTY EMERSON FUND

E.O. Campbell Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:	
Mary Esty Emerson Fund, principal	$ 2,500.00
On deposit, Danvers Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1972	3,057.73

WALTER S. FLINT MEMORIAL FUND

E.O. Campbell Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:	
Walter S. Flint Memorial Fund, principal	$ 2,000.00
On deposit, Danvers Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1972	2,000.00

CHARLES L. FLINT FUND

E.O. Campbell Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:		
Charles L. Flint Fund, principal		$ 5,000.00
On deposit in banks, Dec. 31, 1972:		
Salem 5c Savings Bank	$ 986.88	
Salem Savings Bank	510.73	
Danvers Savings Bank	1,420.40	
Essex-Broadway Savings Bank	2,866.96	
Total		$ 5,784.97

B.F. EMERSON TRUST FUND

Received from Naumkeag Trust Co. Salem in 1972 (Trustee)	519.44

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. Campbell, Jr., Treasurer
Board of Trustees

APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriation for Salaries		$16,800.00
Expended:		
Librarian	$ 1,979.19	
Custodian	1,200.00	
Other employees	11,578.39	
Total Salaries		14,757.58
		2,042.42
Appropriation for Expenses	11,160.98	
Add-Dog Tax	1,032.52	
State Aid	1,516.50	
Total		13,710.00
Expended:		
Books	4,138.15	
Magazines	1,295.73	
Fuel	524.33	
Electricity	417.35	
Water	36.00	
Insurance	638.00	
Maintenance	450.50	
Equipment	782.23	
Librarian's Supplies	1,199.96	
Janitor's Supplies	118.63	
Telephone	186.55	
Audio-Visual	516.98	
Association Dues & Meetings	119.50	
Professional Training Courses	62.00	
Miscellaneous	67.39	
Total Expenses		10,553.30
Balance, Returned to Revenue		3,156.70

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The year 1972 was a rather exasperating one for the Essex County Mosquito Control Project. Mother nature in providing abnormal rainfall to the area also provided ideal conditions for almost continuous breeding of mosquitoes. The woodland pools which normally dry up during mid summer produced many consecutive broods of the insect summer long. The cool, cloudy, wet weather extended the longevity of the mosquitoes and species which ordinarily are considered only as night-biters were on the wing during daylight hours because of the ever-present high humidity.

Aside from the natural obstacles the Project was inadvertently caught up in the austerity program at state level. While the monies expended for mosquito control are assessed in return upon each of the twenty-two municipalities enrolled based on equalized valuation and land area, they are originally incorporated in the overall state budget. By failing to appropriate the full amount for the Essex County Project, the Great and General Court decreased the Fiscal 1973 budget by forty thousand (40,000) dollars or approximately twenty-three (23) percent. The direct result of this action was a reduction in personnel employed by the Project and a corresponding cut back in services rendered during the last six months of 1972. This reduction will also be in effect during the first six months of 1973.

Because of the expense of operation and maintenance of heavy equipment the program of permanent work such as drainage ditching, and water management was severely curtailed and many of the planned activities necessarily postponed.

It is indeed unfortunate that the Essex County Mosquito Control Project through no fault of its' own should be forced to cut back on its' services at a time when the public is demanding a greater effort. It is equally unfortunate that this cut back should coincide with one of the wettest years ever experienced in the area.

In spite of the above mentioned obstacles the Project is pleased to report the following activity in Middleton during 1972:

Prehatch or winter ice dusting – 71 acres.
Application of larvicide to open water – 24 acres.
Fogging to control adult mosquitoes on June 14, 15, 21, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17.

We wish to thank the residents of Middleton for their continued cooperation and understanding and barring any further interference with our fiscal appropriations we look to 1973 as a year of further progress toward the reduction of the mosquito problem in Essex County.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Spencer
Superintendent

PARK DEPARTMENT

RECREATION PARK

During the past year a great deal of time was required just to pick up beer cans and broken bottles in this area. At this writing, the ball field has been cut to ribbons by drivers who go in circles. This, coupled with the fact that snow is dumped in the area and does not melt until late in the springtime, makes the outlook for use of the Park early in the spring very glum.

JOHN HOCTOR PARK

The skating area was improved during the year, and has been flooded.

FULLER–MEADOW SCHOOL AREA

In conjunction with the School Department, we have installed playground equipment in this area.

We thank the various departments in the Town for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest R. Gould

Editor's Note:

We suggest that the persons who like to cut circles in cars, buy a pair of skates and learn to cut circles on the ice. It requires quite a bit of work, but Middleton would be proud to have a Figure Skating Team.

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

With three of our five positions vacant, we were unable to commence activities until May, but held some twenty-five meetings thereafter.

Various joint sessions were held with Selectmen and the Finance Committees, and all Town Department Heads were invited to at least one session in order to review upcoming personnel requirements.

In anticipation of the meeting with the department heads, they were issued three page evaluation outlines for each job under their area of responsibility. Compliance in providing the requested information met with limited success so that restructuring of work classifications and descriptions was necessarily curtailed.

Having solicited information from numerous town employees and department heads, comparing our package with other towns, and ultimately meeting with the Town's representative from Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the Personnel Board has recommended that the Town commence contributing 75% of Blue Cross-Blue Shield payments.

Wage deliberations and adjustments for the upcoming year had to consider the following in addition to the normal requests and merits of the employees.

- 18 month fiscal year, requiring projection for first half of 1974
- Economic Stabilization Act limiting increases to 5.5% per bargaining unit
- Legislative action requiring salaries for Police Chief and Fire Chiefs to be 1.5 times that of their respective Patrolmen and Firefighters
- Reassignment of Police telephone function to Fire Department on part time basis

What we feel to be the most suitable composite submission resulting from these factors and others is offered as a separate article (Personnel Compensation Plan) to which we hope you will give your full consideration.

We would like to thank all of those who met with us or otherwise assisted during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Caulfield
Edward E. Coffin
Alexander J. Papielski
John Pellicelli
Richard O. Wadsworth

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board respectfully submits their report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Twelve regular meetings were held at Memorial Hall, South Main St. on the second Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m.

At the April meeting the board re-organized with the following officers elected: Chairman, Donald H. Hall; Clerk, Louis Cerullo.

At the regular meetings the board signed 15 plans "Approval under the Subdivision Control Law Not Required." Nine plans of business additions or new businesses were reviewed by the board for their recommendations to the Building Inspector and the Board of Appeals.

Two special meetings were held to expedite action on three plans brought before the board where there was a question of frontage on an existing street.

No public hearings were held on the matters of rezoning or subdivision plans.

Particularly noteworthy this year were the nine instances of proposals for new grassroots businesses or expansions of existing businesses.

At least four informal discussions concerning the possible rezoning of residential land to business were recorded during the year.

The Board enjoyed the cooperation of the other boards of the town and extends its thanks to all.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Hall, Chairman
Louis S. Cerullo, Clerk
Louis Barett
Eugene LeBlanc
Robert Preytis

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1972.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Edward J. Richardson, Chief of Police
Robert T. Peachey, Sergeant
William Barrett, Patrolman
Henry A. Bouchard, Patrolman
Paul F. Armitage, Patrolman
Paul J. Peters, Patrolman

REGULAR SPECIALS

Louis J. Fedullo, Robert Hurd
Earl R. Peachey, Orin A. Nelson
Robert W. Fox

Chief Edward J. Richardson

OFFENSES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault	1
Assault and Battery	1
Assault and Battery on a Police Officer	3
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	4
Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon	3
Attaching Improper Registration Plates	1
Attempt to Commit a Crime	3
Breaking and Entering in the Night-Time	10
Breaking and Entering in the Day-Time	3
Breaking Glass in a Building	3
Breaking Glass on a Public Way	1
Defective Equipment	3
Disorderly Person	14
Disturbing the Peace	2
Drunkenness	50
Escaped Person	12
Failing to Drive in Marked Lanes	2
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	5
Improper Display of Registration Plates	2
Insane Person	5
Larceny over $100.00	11
Larceny under $100.00	6
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	1
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	1
Lewd and Lascivious Person	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	8
Minor Transporting Alcoholic Beverage	1
Non Payment of Wages	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to endanger	4
Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Drugs	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Liquor	22
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Revocation of License	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License	4
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a valid license	7
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a valid License in possession	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Registration in possession	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a current Inspection Sticker	1
Operating an uninsured Motor Vehicle	8
Operating an unregistered Motor Vehicle	8
Passing another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed view	1
Possession of a Dangerous Weapon	3
Possession of Fireworks	2
Possession of a Hypodermic Needle	1
Possession of a Motor Vehicle with an Altered Vehicle Identification Number	3
Receiving Stolen Property	11
Refusing to move motor vehicle Obstructing Right of Way	1
Selling Mortgaged Property	1
Speeding	4
Using a Motor Vehicle Without Authority	9
Wanted Persons	1
Total	254

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES FOR WHICH COMPLAINTS WERE ISSUED (SUMMONS)

Allowing an Improper Person to Operate a Motor Vehicle	4
Attaching Improper Registration Plates	18
Defective Equipment	64
Displaying Expired Registration Tab	1
Excessive Smoke from a Motor Vehicle	5
Failing to Drive Within Marked Lanes	9
Failing to slow at an Intersection	1
Failing to Stop for a Pedestrian	1
Failing to Stop for a Stop Sign	3
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	5
Failing to Stop for a School Bus Discharging Passengers	2
Failing to use Care in Passing	5
Failing to use Care in Starting, Stopping or Turning	13
Failing to Keep to the Right of the Traveled Part of the way	2
Failing to Signal Turn	1
Following another Motor Vehicle too Close	2
Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle	1
Improper Display of Registration Plates	19
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License	4
Obstructing the Movement of Traffic	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to Endanger	9
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License in Possession	25
Operating a Motor Vehicle without Lights	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Registration in Possession	34
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License	10
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle	23
Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle	24
Passing Another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed View	34
Passing Another Motor Vehicle on the Right	2
Periodic Inspection Sticker	50
Possession of an Altered Inspection Sticker	4
Possession of an Altered License	1
Possession of a Stolen Inspection Stocker	2
Speeding	285
Violation of Learner's Permit	5
Total	673

OFFENSES ON FILE AND WARNINGS ISSUED

Attaching Improper Registration Plates	1
Defective or Improper Equipment	43
Discharging Firearms	7
Disposal of Rubbish on a Highway or Private Property	13
Dog Complaints	28
Excessive Smoke from a Motor Vehicle	1
Failing to Keep to the Right of a Traffic Island	1
Failing to Drive Within Marked Lanes	4
Failing to Slow for Horse and Rider	1
Failing to use Care in Passing	1
Failing to use Care in Starting, Stopping or Turning	5
Following another Motor Vehicle too Close	2
Hunting Without Permission of the Landowner	32
Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle	3
Improper Display of Registration Plates	15
Improper Display of Lights on a Motor Vehicle	2
Mini Bike Complaints	10
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License in Possession	13
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Registration in Possession	24
Passing Another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed View	13
Periodic Inspection Sticker	20
Snow Mobile Complaints	17
Speeding	187
Stop Sign or Flashing Red Light	11
Trespassing on Private Property	38
Total	492

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Cases	83
Automobile Accidents Investigated	143
Automobile Accidents Reported, not Investigated	69
Camp and House Checks Made by Police Department	420
Complaints Received and Investigated	1074
Cruiser Cases	41
Dogs and Other Animals Shot by Police Department	8
Escaped Persons Returned to Danvers State Hospital	12
Man Hours Spent in Superior and District Courts	627
Messages Delivered	153
Missing and Lost Persons Located	25
Sudden Deaths	1
Summons and Warrants Served	275
Total	2,931

Left to right: Chief Richardson, Sgt. Peachy, Ptrm. Peters, Ptrm. Armitage.

Turned over to Town Treasurer for Accident Reports	$ 353.00
Turned over to Town Treasurer for Permits to Carry Firearms	298.00
Turned over to Town Treasurer for Firearm Identification Cards	90.00
Stolen Property Recovered and Restitution	72,989.28
Court Fines as the Result of Police Cases	9,575.00
Total	$83,305.28

There were 22 residents who lost their drivers licenses as a result of improper motor vehicle operation.

Police attended all fire alarms when available, and assisted the Fire Department in investigating all false alarms of fire.

There were 54 stolen motor vehicles recovered, which resulted in 9 arrests of occupants.

As in the past, the Police Department has conducted many investigations not listed which have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned without making arrests or taking court action.

During the past year changes in the personnel of the Police Department have taken place. David W. DiTomaso resigned to accept a position at Cape Elizabeth, Maine. On September 30, Chief James W. Wentworth retired after devoting 23 years of his life to the Police profession. With the retirement of Chief Wentworth, the Police Department office was moved from his home to temporary quarters in Memorial Hall.

On November 11, Paul F. Armitage and Paul J. Peters were appointed regular Police Officers, and Robert T. Peachey was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In closing I would like to extend my gratitude to Chief Wentworth for his assistance in the transition of the Police Department from his command to mine. The men of the department are to be commended for their prompt response and efficiency of operation. A sincere thanks is extended to the State Police, Officials of the Town of Middleton and last but not least, the residents of the town, for any assistance given to this Department. Sincere thanks also to the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and for giving me the opportunity to serve the Town of Middleton as Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Richardson
Chief of Police

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I am pleased to submit the following report on my activities for my first year of service to the town of Middleton. 1972 has been a very successful year for me. It gave me the opportunity to work in the area of public service, an area that I had always believed would be very rewarding, in a town I like, and with a people that I have become very fond of.

The Board of Selectmen have reported on much of my work for them, however as their assistant I have worked with many of the town committees and departments and I would like to report on some of these efforts.

At the insistance of Mr. Bill Fox and with some help from me the town is now qualified to receive additional assistance from Civil Defense. This assistance provides access to various forms of military surplus and government excess property. Many of the town departments have already taken advantage of this help.

With Mr. Joseph Campano and the Solid Waste Study Committee we have developed a proposal for solid waste management that will be further refined for presentation to other town committees during 1973.

The Guidance department at Masconomet has been able to use my help in dealing with the problems of some Middleton students and the Science department has asked me to speak to both Junior and Senior High students on the subject of 'Experimental Psychology.'

The heads of the Highway and Park & Tree departments have always been most helpful to me and men of these departments have always responded promptly to the needs of the Town.

With Mr. George Dow and Mr. Robert Murphy, former and present town accountants, the development of the 1971 and 1972 town reports has been a very useful way to learn a great deal about the town and its operation.

I thank the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to serve and I thank the people of Middleton for accepting me.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee holds open meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month commencing at 7 P.M. at Town Hall on Maple Street.

The past summer saw the reorganization of the Recreation Committee into a seven member group for the purposes of more effective supervision, control and attention to the rapidly expanding recreational activities within the Town. Since the reorganization, the Committee has restructered and reorganized all current Fall-Winter activities and placed them under the direct supervision of volunteer Program Chairmen. Planning is underway to establish the Spring-Summer 1973 programs, on the same basis.

The Committee is also representing the Town at current discussions concerning the utilization of recreational facilities at Masconomet with the Masconomet Regional Leisure Time & Study Group.

The Committee has researched, planned and costed a Community Center for the Townspeople utilizing the Town Hall on Maple Street. A proposal to fund this activity will be brought before the Annual Town Meeting in March 1973.

The Committee has accepted with regret, the resignations of Mr. Robert Sweet and Mrs. Barbara Gayton due to personal committments, and has welcomed two newly appointed members in Mr. Daley of Meadow Drive and Mr. Earl Jones of Walnut Lane.

The Committee has always faced a critical shortage of volunteers to supervise programs for the youngsters. This year we face the possibility of being able to provide a Community Center for all the people of the Town. The costs of providing such a center have been kept to a minimum through the planned use of volunteer workers to accomplish the needed renovations and clean-up work. There is therefore a greater need than ever, for volunteer help. We again urge that all interested people who are able to donate some leisure time or help, contact the Recreation Committee, as soon as possible.

Planning for the second annual Winter Carnival is underway with prospective dates for this year of February 19th through February 23rd.

Your cooperation and support over the past year has been greatly appreciated. Special thanks are given to the many people who have volunteered time and effort to provide recreation programs and activities for the town, for without them, there would be no recreation.

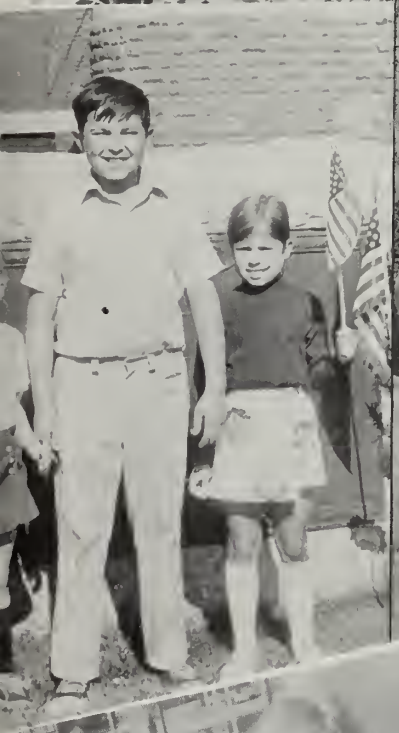
We look forward to serving you over the next year and invite you to bring your ideas and suggestions before the Committee at any of our regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Middleton Recreation Committee
Mr. J. Deasy, Chairman
Mrs. J. Ulbin, Secretary
Mr. J. Barrett, Treasurer
Mrs. J. Shipley
Mr. M. Daley
Mrs. V. Wentworth
Mr. E. Jones

LETON FIRE DEPARTMENT
ENGINE

MIDDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT



SCHOOL REPORT

School Committee

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman	Term Expires 1973
Bruce Russell, Secretary	Term Expires 1975
Francis X. Masse	Term Expires 1973
W. Pike Messenger	Term Expires 1974
Norman Nathan	Term Expires 1975

Superintendent
Francis N. Fitzgerald
Office: Howe-Manning School Telephone 774-3517

SCHOOL CALENDAR
1973

Open January 2, 1973 Close February 16, 1973
VACATION – ONE WEEK
Open February 26, 1973 Close April 13, 1973
VACATION – ONE WEEK
Open April 23, 1973 Close June 20, 1973
SUMMER VACATION
Open September 5, 1973 Close December 21, 1973
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
May 28 October 8 and 22 November 21
(and such other days as the School Committee may designate)
–The School Calendar may be subject to change–

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

The following no school signals have been adopted:

a. 2-2-2 blast on the fire alarm
b. 2 blasts at the U.S. Machinery Corp.
c. Radio Stations WHDH, WRKO, WMEX, WEEI, Boston; WESX, Salem; and WMLO, Danvers, will carry an announcement on their regular no-school broadcasts.

The signal for the Elementary Schools will be at 7:15 a.m.

SCHOOL CENSUS
October 1, 1972

Age Group	Total
7 yrs. to 15 yrs. 11 mos.	859
6 yrs. to 6 yrs. 11 mos.	94
5 yrs. to 5 yrs. 11 mos.	89
4 yrs. to 4 yrs. 11 mos.	79
3 yrs. to 3 yrs. 11 mos.	61
2 yrs. to 2 yrs. 11 mos.	66
1 yr. to 1 yr. 11 mos.	60
0 yr. to 0 yr. 11 mos.	51
Private School Pupils	21

AGE OF SCHOOL ADMISSION

All children born on or before December 31, 1967 are eligible to attend Grade One in September, 1973. No entrance tests for exceptions to this age requirement are given.

All children born on or before December 31, 1968 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September, 1973. No entrance tests for exceptions to this age requirement are given.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the employment of minors between the ages of 14-18 may be obtained from Mrs. Lynch at the Superintendent's Office of the Masconomet Regional High School during regular office hours.

MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1972

Name	Degree When Received		Scholastic Preparation	Position	Date of Appointment
Francis N. FitzGerald	BSED	- 1953	Salem State College	Superintendent	Aug. 1971
	MED	- 1959	Boston State College		
	CAGS	- 1963	Boston University		
Eugene C. Winter, Jr.	BSED	- 1951	Lowell State College	Superv'g. Principal	Aug. 1967
	MEd	- 1966	Boston University		
Ruth Chasse	BA	- 1959	Mt. St. Vincent College	Special Educ.	Jan. 1965
	MEd	- 1961	Lesley College	Resource Teacher	Sept. 1958
Philip A. Flowers	BSBA	- 1960	Merrimack College	Elem. Guid. Counselor	Sept. 1966
	MEd	- 1962	Salem State College		
Louise M. Barry	BS	- 1971	Salem State College	Kindergarten	Feb. 1972
Sandra Budzinski	MEd	- 1971	Northeastern University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1966
Catherine Driscoll	BS	- 1955	Fordham University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1971
Martha Soule	BS	- 1972	Tufts University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1972
Cornelia deSchepper	MEd	- 1971	Boston University	Grade 1	Sept. 1971
Wilhemine Hall	BS	- 1972	Salem State College	Grade 1	Sept. 1972
Eileen Hammond	BSEd	- 1939	Boston College	Grade 1	Sept. 1962
Rosemary Janco	BSEd	- 1969	Salem State College	Grade 1	Sept. 1969
Beverly Napieracz	MEd	- 1970	University of Hartford	Grade 1	Sept. 1970
RoseMarie Dorman	BSEd	- 1970	Salem State College	Grade 2	Sept. 1970
Villa Lavorgna	Diploma	- 1934	Farmington State Teachers Col.	Grade 2	Sept. 1960
Veronica McIntosh	AB	- 1938	Mt. St. Mary's College	Grade 2	Sept. 1964
Faylene Webber	Diploma	- 1932	Farmington Normal	Grade 2	Sept. 1964
Vera Carlson	AB	- 1949	Boston University	Grade 3	Sept. 1969
Eleanor Cassidy	BSEd	- 1941	Salem State College	Grade 3	Sept. 1955
Paul Kellogg	BA	- 1972	University of Mass.	Grade 3	Sept. 1972
Janet Riley	BS	- 1971	Salve Regina College	Grade 3	Sept. 1971
Ann Steinberg	MEd	- 1968	Northeastern University	Grade 3	Sept. 1971
Mary Ann Amero	BA	- 1965	Riviera College	Grade 4	Sept. 1966
Susan Cohen	MEd	- 1972	Boston University	Grade 4	Sept. 1966
Roslyn Goldman	BS	- 1971	Salem State College	Grade 4	Sept. 1971
Sandra Meier	MA	- 1969	Shippensburg State College	Grade 4	Sept. 1970
Sharman Brisson	BS	- 1971	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1971
Christine Deasy	MEd	- 1970	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1969
Richard Gannon	BS	- 1972	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1972
J. Nellie Johnston	MEd	- 1963	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1949
Joyce Williamson	BS	- 1963	Salem State College	Grade 5	Feb. 1968
Mary Curreri	BS	- 1970	Salem State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1970
Carol Doherty	BS	- 1967	Boston State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1967
John Goldsmith	BS	- 1971	University of Mass.	Grade 6	Sept. 1972
Christine Kuntz	BS	- 1964	Cedar Crest College	Grade 6	Sept. 1972
Harry Mavragis	MEd	- 1966	Salem State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1967
Steven Denson	MA	- 1969	North Michigan University	Music	Sept. 1970
Henrietta Giannino	MA	- 1940	New York University	Phys. Educ.	Sept. 1960
Barbara Jackman	BS	- 1957	Boston University	Art	Sept. 1969
Rose King	MEd	- 1961	Boston University	Reading	Sept. 1956
Georgia Lewis	MEd	- 1966	Salem State College	Percept. Handi.	Sept. 1969
Carlotta Miller	MEd	- 1963	Boston University	Speech Therapist	Mar. 1971
Carolyn White	BS	- 1954	Castleton State Teachers Col.	Tester-Coach	Sept. 1964

MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Employees 1972

Name	Position	Date of Appointment
William Wiswall, M.D.	Physician	Sept. 1960
Bowdoin College		
Boston University		
Barbara Bowes, R.N.	Nurse	Jan. 1967
Beverly Hospital	Attendance Off'r.	Sept. 1967
Ruth I. Sgroi	Secretary (Supt.)	June 1966
Bryant & Stratton		
Ann L. Goodale	School Sec'y.	Feb. 1971
Holten High School		
Barbara J. Ryer	School Sec'y.	Jan. 1965
Burdett		
Mary L. Hamilton	School Com. Secy.	Aug. 1963
Hesser Bus. Col.	Part-time Sec'y.	
Mary E. King	Cafeteria Mgr.	Aug. 1958
B.S. Univ. of N.H.		
Irene Ashley	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968
Doris Carroll	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968
Helen Doucette	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1959
Mary Emro	Cafeteria Wkr.	Dec. 1963
Lorayne Hocter	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1957
Patricia Kelley	Cafeteria Wkr.	Oct. 1969
Sally Langis	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968
Alice Reynolds	Cafeteria Wkr.	Jan. 1965
Georgia Acheson	Lunchtime Supr.	Feb. 1966
Judith Evans	Lunchtime Supr.	Jan. 1965
Barbara Gayton	Lunchtime Supr.	Sept. 1971
Rose Mugford	Lunchtime Supr.	Feb. 1966
Florence Peart	Lunchtime Supr.	Sept. 1971
Frances Porter	Lunchtime Supr.	Sept. 1971
Evelyn Lennox	Library Aide	Oct. 1967
Rita Kelley	Library Aide	Mar. 1966
Daniel Anderson	Custodian	June 1972
Perley D. Lovelace	Head Custodian	June 1957
T. Myron Reynolds	Custodian	May 1960
Ralph Russell	Night Custodian	Jan. 1965
Ronald Stevens	Supr. Maint/Cust.	Dec. 1972
Victoria Young	Lunchtime Supr.	Jan. 1963

TEACHER-GRADE DISTRIBUTION
October 1, 1972

Teacher	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Spec.	Kind.	Total
Mrs. Hall	21								21
Mrs. Hammond	20								20
Mrs. Janco	25								25
Miss Napieracz	13								13
Mrs. Dorman		22							22
Mrs. Lavorgna		22							22
Mrs. McIntosh		22							22
Mrs. Webber		22							22
Mrs. Carlson			23						23
Mrs. Cassidy			23						23
Mr. Kellogg			23						23
Mrs. Riley			25						25
Mrs. Amero				24					24
Miss Cohen				24					24
Mrs. Goldman				25					25
Miss Meier				25					25
Mrs. Deasy					25				25
Mr. Gannon					25				25
Mrs. Johnston					24				24
Mrs. Williamson					22				22
Miss Doherty						26			26
Mr. Goldsmith						27			27
Mrs. Kuntz						27			27
Mr. Mavragis						26			26
Miss Chasse							5		5
Mrs. Driscoll									
A.M. Group								18	
P.M. Group								20	38
Miss Soule									
A.M. Group								17	17
Mrs. Budzinski									
P.M. Group								20	20
	79	88	94	98	96	106	5	75	641

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The year 1972 marked several outstanding topics in the elementary schools of the Town. Of major impact was the legislation mandating that children with special needs be integrated with other children to as great a degree as possible. Some difficulties were anticipated as we moved forward to comply with the positive and beneficial "spirit of the law." With much faculty cooperation the transition was made and the change in location of the special education resource teacher and classroom was completed during the Spring vacation period. Placement of the special education resource center at the Howe-Manning School will enable the regular classroom teachers to be in closer contact with our specialist who no longer must also be concerned with the administrative details of operating the Fuller Meadow School. It is noteworthy to mention the high degree of cooperation and initiative displayed by the Fuller Meadow School staff during this recent period of administrative change. On a similar note, the teachers at the Howe-Manning School who have accepted the challenge of building individualized programs for children new to their classes as a result of this integration program are to be commended for their understanding, interest and patience. This augurs well for all the children in our schools.

A second highlight was the "Performing Arts" program during the summer. Formulated and directed by Mr. Steven Denson, children who volunteered spent many hours of hard work in preparation for two stage performances. Adult volunteers and theatrical experts who gave generously of their time readily adjusted to schedules of children on family vacations or other summer-time community activities. We certainly would be remiss if we did not recognize the enthusiasm and energy of the participants and congratulate each budding thespian. Summer – 1973, will see another program of similar style and of probably greater proportions.

School in September opened with the Kindergarten classes housed at the Fuller Meadow School. Although the sizes of the classrooms are not as ideal as one would like, the decision to move the children was made with projected program improvements in mind. During the fall and after some cooperative meetings with Mr. Ernest Gould of the Park Department, the initial pieces of some playground equipment were installed at the Fuller Meadow School. Additional pieces will be added during the Spring of 1973. These swings, see-saws, climbing bars and slides will benefit not only all the school children during recess but also the local community of young children after school and in vacation periods.

On a disappointing note, theft and vandalism at the Fuller Meadow School consumed many dollars in repair and replacement categories. Glass breakage was close to $1,000., some of which was reimbursed by insurance. Theft of office equipment (duplicators, adding machines, typewriter) and educational equipment (tape recorders, TV sets, motion picture projectors) had a replacement value of over $2000. In a budget that is over one-half million dollars, this may not seem great in percents, but this item alone represents twice the cost of the entire Performing Arts program or more than half our textbook allocation! Vandalism is discouraging because it is always such a senseless waste of our available financial resources. We ask your cooperation in the day-to-day instruction of your children as they grow into responsible citizens. In this day of rising costs and decreasing dollar value, elimination of needless expenditures such as is caused by malicious intent, may be a most practical tax increase preventive.

The Parent Teacher Association stepped off with a new vigor and spirit at the beginning of the 1972-73 school year. This interest and inertia is a pleasure to see and report. The pessimist might say that the numbers are small in comparison to the potential. One cannot argue that fact. The optimist might say that of any group; religious, civic, or social. He would further say that the existence and growth this association offers hope for even more informed groups of parents. The programs offered during both the Spring and the Fall serve to build a good foundation for future interest.

Workshop in-service programs on a monthly average were held with early release of children aiding in providing additional time. The time is available to us by reallocating the total number of hours for instructional purposes necessary by the state statute during the period of a calendar month. These programs may contain films, discussions or presentations by some of the staff members.

For several years, I have been advocating that sales tax revenues be "earmarked" for education. This may be a hopeless crusade. Another cause worth pursuing is that the state legislature or the state judicial system mandate uniform property tax assessing practices across the state. If recent cases of involving the support of schools by the real estate tax in California, Texas and Minnesota are used as precedent in Massachusetts, it would be to the advantage of Middleton if assessing practices were similar throughout the Commonwealth. I feel reasonably sure that something will happen on this topic in the next few years. Whatever happens, will be the result of a concerned, or, an apathetic citizenry.

The generosity of time given by volunteers within the community aided greatly in the success of so many programs during the past year. Classroom helpers, accompaniment on field trips, assistance with school-community projects at Christmas-time, demonstrations, slide and collection showings are some of the categories in which the children benefited. To each we say "thank you."

Lastly, I want to extend my personal gratitude to a most cooperative School Committee, to all Town Officials, both elected and appointed, for their assistance whenever called upon.

Mr. Perley Lovelace has retired from his position in the Middleton Public Schools after years of excellent service. We wish him well in his well deserved retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. FitzGerald
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Middleton School Committee submits its annual report to the citizens and taxpayers of Middleton.

At the March, 1972, election, Mr. Nathan was re-elected to the Committee, while Mr. Russell was elected to serve for the first time. The annual organization of the 1972-3 term was held at the March 23rd meeting. At this time, a welcome was extended to Mr. Russell, newly elected member of the Committee, and sincere thanks were expressed by the Committee to Mrs. Wilhemine Hall for her outstanding contributions while a member of this Committee. Mr. Thomas Mullen was elected Chairman and Mr. Russell, Secretary. The Chairman appointed Mr. Messenger as Legislative Representative and offered to take the position of Press Liaison which met with the approval of the Committee.

In terms of outstanding achievement, this year more than anything else, was a year of music for the Town of Middleton. Along with some truly outstanding productions during the school year, a Summer Performing Arts Program became a reality for the first time and was a smashing success. SRO audiences came out in droves for Alice in Wonderland, and the season ending finale of Oliver. Many thanks go to Mr. Steve Denson and the many others that helped make this program such a joy for all involved.

Once again the Title I summer school provided many children with an opportunity for fun and education during the Summer months, utilizing the many resources of our greater community.

1972 was also a sad year in that we lost two long time employees and long time friends of the school and community, Mr. Perley Lovelace to retirement in August and Mr. Ralph Russell who passed away in May.

It has, at the same time, been another busy year for the Committee with regular and special meetings being held. In addition to our regular meetings, these meetings have included collective bargaining with the Middleton Teachers Association which are still amiably continuing as of January, and budget meetings which this year for the first time have required us to look 18 months ahead. This has given us cause for many long and thoughtful hours of discussion.

We would also like very much to take this opportunity to once again thank the voters of the Town of Middleton for their support of the proposed North Shore Regional Vocational School. Mr. Thomas Mullen has worked extremely hard, as a representative of this committee, to make Vocational Education a reality for the children of this town. Your support has made it possible for the Town of Middleton to be a part of the growing need for Vocational Education.

Once again the School System has done everything possible to make as many of its facilities available to the community as it can. This includes the many new and expanded programs of the Recreation Committee, as well as the Saint Agnes' Church religious classes, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and other group activities.

This year saw the arrival of several new teachers, and the departure of Miss Cornelia deSchepper for the academic year, 1972-3, for a very special purpose. Miss deSchepper has left to teach school at The Hague, and the benefits to both Miss deSchepper and to our school system should be of immense value in future years.

The School Committee has again made every effort to insure the taxpayers of Middleton that the Middleton School System will provide the best possible education it can. We invite and encourage the citizens of Middleton to help us make this possible through their cooperation and communication. Regular meetings of the Committee are held at the Howe-Manning School on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. We again urge you to attend and we welcome the opportunity to meet with as many citizens as possible.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks goes out to Mr. Francis N. FitzGerald, Mr. Eugene C. Winter, Miss Ruth M. Chasse, the faculty, specialists, secretarial staff, library aides, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, and lunchtime supervisors for their hard work and loyal support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
Bruce Russell, Secretary
Francis X. Masse
W. Pike Messenger
Norman Nathan

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL–TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1972

This is a unique report as it is our first. The Town of Middleton approved our entry at the election of November 20, 1972 by a vote of 73% affirmative. In accordance with policy established in the North Shore Regional Vocational-Technical School Committee Charter, the moderator appointed a representative to be approved by the Middleton-Masconomet members. Mr. Wallen appointed Thomas M. Mullen the first member, and Chairman of the Middleton North Shore Regional Vocational-Technical Feasibility Study Committee (See Town Report, 1971).

There are 16 communities in the region ranging from Gloucester on the North to Swampscott on the South. Middleton has 1 of the 39 "weighted-votes." Our fiscal burden is 1.72% resulting in an assessment of $3,999. for the next 18 months. This amount is 50% reimbursable by the Commonwealth.

A site cannot be selected and a school constructed until at least 1977. This is a source of concern to the Committee. Due to this it has placed, in its budget, funds to administer the North Shore Consortium of Regional Vocational-Technical Schools. This will be run on a late afternoon basis.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas M. Mullen

Bad News

TREE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1972 they performed the following work:

Planting:
Twenty-six trees were planted in Brigadoon, on Hilldale Avenue, and other streets.

Spraying:
Received calls for spraying hornets in ten areas. Three thousand six hundred gallons of spray was applied to the brush beside the principal streets for the Highway Department. Two thousand four hundred gallons of Japanese Bettle Spray was used, mostly in Brigadoon.

Tree & Brush Removal:
Fifteen tree stumps were cut below ground by Valley Tree Co.

Twenty Elms with Dutch Elm Disease were removed.

Twenty dead trees were removed.

Brush was cleared from several locations. Limbs and branches which interfered with snow removal, were cut and cleared away.

We thank the various departments in the Town for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest R. Gould

VETERAN'S SERVICES

Following is a brief description of the policy and general purpose of this department: To provide the utmost possible assistance to Veterans and/or their dependents in time of distress and/or hardship. Any claim for benefits is adjudicated on its individual merits.

Veteran's benefits as disbursed by the town have no connection with those disbursed by the Federal Government. These are two separated and distinct functions. Funds disbursed by the town are fifty per-cent reimbursable by the State providing they meet State criteria. These benefits are strictly in an aid category and nothing else. In view of this, stringent requirements have to be met in order for claimant to qualify.

Federal benefits, on the other hand, include schooling, mortgage and small business loan backing, hospitalization when necessary and where indicated. Other benefits include service-connected pensions, widows pensions and aid to children of deceased veterans.

My only function as far as Government benefits are concerned is to direct claimants to proper agencies and assist in the preparation and dispensation of necessary forms.

Due to the nature of the position, where it is part-time, no set hours have been established. Consequently I am on call as the situation might warrant. There are certain times in the month when forms have to be submitted for approval and seminars have to be attended in order to keep up with changes in the law as they occur.

If any veteran or widow of same has a question concerning Federal benefits and entitlements please call the following number at the J.F.K. building in Boston and ask for a counselor. Tel. No. 223-3080 through 223-3086 (9AM-4PM.)

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for the confidence they have shown in me and also extend my thanks to the Treasurer and Accountant for assistance above and beyond the call of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Farley,
Veteran's Agent

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

The Water and Sewer Commission in submitting its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1972, would like to first thank all the persons who cooperated and assisted this commission. We further would like to thank Gerald Orlando and Newton Sweet of the Town of Danvers Public Works Department.

Regular meetings were held at Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of each month. We cordially invite all interested citizens to attend these meetings.

Our IBM active customer list tells us that we have increased our water customers from 647 in 1971 to 653 in 1972. Also in 1972 we had the hydrants scraped, painted and inspected.

After many meetings with the Danvers Water and Sewer Commission in 1971 and 1972, we have signed a new water contract that we are very proud of. The most important item being the extra 25% for capital improvements which amounts to approximately $9,000 a year.

Any citizens interested in reading the new water contract with Danvers may do so at any one of our regular monthly meetings.

We would appreciate it if all citizens would support our warrants; keeping in mind that it has nothing to do with our tax structure.

Respectfully submitted;

James Vrees, Chairman
Gerald V. Lane, Clerk
Richard Moreschi

BUILDING SPACE COMMITTEE & BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Space Committee and Building Committee respectfully submit their report for the 1973 Town Meeting to the Town of Middleton. There is no need at this time to go into the long history surrounding this Committee's efforts to build a Police Station for the town. You will have before you at this Town Meeting Articles to cover the increased cost as a result of new bids received from contractors.

At the last Special Town Meeting, the Building Space Committee, after insertion of an Article for an additional $25,000.00 requested that action on this Article be postponed. A late development prior to the Special Town Meeting indicated that federal funding may have been available for construction of the station.

An exhaustive study was held by the Committee with the assistance of Mr. Bowser, the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant. It was found, as a result of the investigation, that only one federal program was available for funding of the Police Station. Unfortunately, this funding would have increased the cost of the station considerably by use of government specifications for Civil Defense Shelters. The funding program called for payment of 50% of the additional cost incurred in construction. This was obviously not a viable alternative for the town.

As a result of government austerity programs evoked by the administration and the inception of revenue sharing, there are no federal programs available for funding for the Police Station.

Our neighboring towns of Boxford, Georgetown and Topsfield have currently formed committees on their own to build police facilities within their communities. They are finding themselves in a similar situation as that experienced by the Town of Middleton.

Every Citizen is aware that the Police Station has been moved from former Chief Wentworth's house to Memorial Hall. Although this has been a fairly successful short term solution to our problem, it is still in the words of our new Chief Richardson, entirely inadequate. The Building Space Committee is well aware of critical requirements for additional space in Memorial Hall for the Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, Planning Board and many other Boards and Committees that require meeting and office space. The space now occupied by the Police Department is crucial in this Committee's quest to provide additional space.

An emergency Communication System has been worked out with the co-operation of the Fire and Police Departments to enable full coverage to the town without additional manpower. This should answer the questions of many Citizens who question the need for additional policemen to man a new station. The emergency Communication System can be transferred at very little cost from Memorial Hall to a new Police Station.

It is our hope that with funds taken from revenue sharing allotments that our new Station can finally be built. The use of revenue sharing funds will not, in any way, increase the tax rate as it relates to the cost of our new Police Station. The time quite frankly has come to act. This will undoubtedly be the last proposal by the Building Space Committee for construction of this Station. We can only hope that intelligent thinking and long range planning will enable us to complete this project as proposed.

The Building Committee and Building Space Committee wishes to express their appreciation to all Citizens of the Town who assisted in completing our plans. The Building Space Committee will continue in its function to provide long range planning to the town for space requirements.

Building Space Committee

Leon J. LeBlanc – Temporary Chairman
Edward Richardson
Alan Marshall
Patricia Jordan – Secretary
George DeMerrit
Bartholomew J. Whelan
George Dow

Building Committee

Leon J. LeBlanc – Temporary Chairman
Edward Richardson
Alan Marshall
Patricia Jordan
George DeMerrit
Bartholomew J. Whelan
Robert Porteous
Wilbur Witham

SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE

The Solid Waste Study Committee was reorganized this year by action of the Board of Selectmen. The Committee was directed to study the long range problem of solid waste management, cooperate with the Central North Shore Solid Waste Study Commission and report on activities to the Board. At an organization meeting Mr. Joseph Campano was elected Chairman and he was designated representative to the Central North Shore Commission, Mr. Charles Bowser was designated his second. A number of meetings of the Central North Shore Commission were attended and several solid waste systems reviewed. It soon became apparent that this commission was a duplication of the efforts of the North Shore Study Committee and it was agreed that the two groups should merge.

Mr. Campano, Mrs. Lois Lane, and Mr. Bowser attended various meetings of this committee and regional solution began to be developed.

Several meetings of the Middleton Committee were held and members were briefed on a number of waste systems considered of potential value to the Town. Mr. Bowser attended various conferences and seminars dealing with the problem of Solid Waste Management and reported to the Committee Chairman.

The Board of Selectmen asked the present Committee to extend its area of concern to include the more immediate problem of developing a new sanitary land fill site. The Chairman agreed to this increase in scope and consequently the Committee should be far more active in the coming year.

Seated: P. Jordan. Standing, left to right: L. Leblanc, Chief Richardson, W. Witham, R. Porteous, G. Dow, B. Whelan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patricia M. Jordan, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts.

Balance of Cash in Treasury January 1, 1972	332,636.26	Payments for year 1972 Warrants 1-56	2,871,396.30
Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00	Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00
Receipts for the year 1972	2,758,523.24	Balance of Cash in Treasury December 31, 1972	219,763.20
	3,691,159.50		3,691,159.50

CASH IN BANKS 1972

Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass.	216,258.22
Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass.	2,633.09
Merchants Warren National Bank, Salem, Mass.	871.89
	219,763.20

Revenue Sharing Check in amount of $41,219.00 received December 14, 1972 invested at Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass. in Certificate of Deposits for 90 days at 5%.

A complete report of all Trust Funds and Land Sales in my custody are shown on the following pages.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and all other Town Departments and the Citizens for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Jordan, Treasurer

STABILIZATION FUND 1972

Town of Middleton Stabilization Fund Invested in Arlington Trust Company Certificate of Deposits for 1 year at 6 1/4%	125,356.76
Certificate of deposit Interest	6,120.43
Special Notice Interest	146.59
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	131,623.78

DEPRECIATION FUND 1972

Town of Middleton Electric Light Department Depreciation Fund	
Balance on hand January 1, 1972	105,148.95
Interest for year 1972	+ 4,647.44
Total	109,796.39
Withdrawn	84,810.85
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	24,985.54

CEMETARY ENDOWMENT FUND 1972

Town of Middleton Cemetary Endowment Fund	
Balance on hand January 1, 1972	49,813.28
New accounts added	1,725.00
Interest for year 1972	2,521.82
Total receipts	54,060.10
Interest withdrawn	2,521.82
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	51,538.28

DAVID CUMMINGS FUND 1972

Town of Middleton David Cummings Fund Accounts	
Arlington Trust Company Savings Acct.	5,837.13
Savings account interest	246.91
	6,084.04
Transferred to checking acct. June 29, 1972	800.00
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1972	5,284.04
Arlington Trust Co. Checking Acct.	
Balance January 1, 1972	179.22
Transferred from savings account	800.00
	979.22
Trustees orders	798.50
Balance December 31, 1972	180.72
Arlington Trust Company	
Checking account	180.72
Savings account	5,284.04
United Shoe Mach. Corp. shares	975.00
Balance December 31, 1972	6,439.76

SECTION C OAKDALE CEMETARY 1972

Town of Middleton Section-C Oakdale Cemetary	
Balance on hand January 1, 1972	3,892.63
New accounts added	400.00
Interest for year 1972	202.74
Total receipts	4,495.37
Interest withdrawn	202.74
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	4,292.63

SALE OF TAX POSSESSIONS HELD AT 10:00 ON NOVEMBER 15, 1972

1.	Lot 3 Summit View	Sale Price	80.00
		Book Value	65.18
		Gain	14.82
2.	Walcotts Island	Sale Price	287.49
		Book Value	287.49
		Gain	0
3.	Liberty Street Book 849 pg 178	Sale Price	250.00
		Book Value	209.59
		Gain	40.41
4.	Lots 1021 & 1022 Middleton Pines	NO BID	
5.	Lot 266 Riverview	Sale Price	79.93
		Book Value	79.93
		Gain	0
6.	Lot 337 Riverview	Sale Price	150.00
		Book Value	113.75
		Gain	36.25
7.	Part of Parker Lot B 3168 p 198	Sale Price	325.00
		Book Value	120.03
		Gain	204.97
8.	Lots 134 & 135 Haswell Park	Sale Price	75.00
		Book Value	55.77
		Gain	19.23
9.	Lots 165 & 166 Haswell Park	NO BID	
10.	Lots 171, 172, 173 Haswell Park	Sale Price	80.00
		Book Value	56.65
		Gain	23.35
11.	Turf Meadow B3674 p 371	Sale Price	34.25
		Book Value	34.35
		Gain	0

The total gain for the Town of Middleton from the above sale was $339.03

LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON 1972

Middleton Pines:
Lots 1111-1120 Part of 1121 book 3543 page 286 lots 1003, 1004, 1005, 10006 book 3856 page 272 16 lots 2, 3, 4, 351-355 inc., 532-535 inc., book 4037 page 3583, book 3105 page 257, book 2955 page 65.
42,103 sq. ft. lots 268-274 inc., 471-474 inc., 47A book 4065 page 361.
8,500 sq. ft., lots 1021 1022 book 5010 page 270. lots 1111-1120 inc. and part of lot 1121 book 5416 page 336.

Haswell Park:
lots 165 and 166

Riverview:
2 lots 146, 147 book 56 page 78

Liberty Street:
Land on Liberty Street Book 3627 page 202

Summit View Park:
Lot 10 probate 236108 (1camp) lots, 28, 29, 30, 31 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 51 57-59 inc., 63, 64, 65, 80-83 inc. 208, 212, 213, 215-221 inc. 279-285 inc., 326-337 inc., 376, 377, 378, 379-383 inc., 385-398 inc.

Woodland Park:
lots 118, 119, 139, 168, 332, 575, 576, 714, 715

Highland Park:
lot 2 book 3473 page 365, lot 1 book 5457 page 659, lots 3 & 4 book 5457 page 660. lots 28-31 inc., book 5457 page 661, lots 32 book 5457 page 658, lots 33-36 inc. book 5457 page 662, lots 321 book 2372 page 589.

Odd lots:
recreation park lots 69-70 inc., 34,382 sq. ft. book 4037 page 351.

1973 MATURING DEBT ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS WARREN NATIONAL BANK SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

1973 BOND PAYMENTS

SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN ACCT. OF 1948 BONDS

Due Date	Outstanding	Principal	Int.	Total
6/1/73	20,000.00		360.00	360.00
12/1/73	20,000.00	5,000.00	360.00	5,360.00
6/1/74	15,000.00		270.00	270.00
12/1/74	15,000.00	5,000.00	270.00	5,270.00
6/1/73	220,000.00		3,520.00	3,520.00
12/1/73	220,000.00	20,000.00	3,520.00	23,520.00
6/1/74	200,000.00		3,200.00	3,200.00
12/1/74	200,000.00	20,000.00	3,200.00	23,200.00

WATER MAIN LOAN 2,300.00 Plus Interest April 1, 1973

Land Acquisition 13,500.00 Plus Interest Dec. 15, 1973

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Jordan, Town Treas.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

It has been my privilege to serve the Town of Middleton as Town Accountant from April 1972 to the present time. During that time I have solicited and received the cooperation of Department heads, members of many boards, Town Officials and our former Town Accountant, George Dow for without his help I would never have succeeded in the challenges of the position. It is with utmost sincerity that I express thanks to all.

The preparation of the Annual Town Report was the high point of my activities during my first year of service. Many individuals rendered timely assistance and outstanding cooperation during its preparation, however I must singularly make special acknowledgements to Charles Bowser for special assistance, Patti Falkowski for her contribution towards the design and preparation of the cover, Lawrence Eagle, Salem News and Tri-Town Transcript for their pictures, Middleton Historical Society, and lastly to the printers, Lawrence Lithograph, Inc. for their patience, understanding and expert advice.

In the future I will endeavor to continue to upgrade the type of financial and accounting information necessary for efficient Town Management. It is in the interest of accomplishing this endeavor that your continued assistance and recommendations are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy
Town Accountant

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
Balance Sheet December 31, 1972

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	219,719.35	
Electric Light		
Depreciation	24,985.54	
Petty Cash		
Assessors	20.00	
Electric Light Dept.	200.00	
Selectmen	10.00	
School Dept.	30.00	
School Lunch	30.00	
Tax Collector	100.00	
Revenue Sharing	41,219.00	286,313.89
Accounts Receivable:		
Personal Property		
Levy of 1968	218.40	
Levy of 1969	176.40	
Levy of 1970	82.52	
Levy of 1971	501.69	
Levy of 1972	1,303.99	2,283.00
Real Estate		
Levy of 1971	967.98	
Levy of 1972	40,544.38	41,512.36
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1967	229.35	
Levy of 1968	146.38	
Levy of 1969	4,875.21	
Levy of 1970	4,170.10	
Levy of 1971	7,434.49	
Levy of 1972	23,848.48	40,704.01
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1970	21.00	21.00
Tax Titles & Possessions		
Tax Titles	5,447.47	
Tax Title Possessions	7,008.46	12,455.93
Departmental		
General Relief	993.74	
Old Age Assistance	8.08	
Medical Assistance	901.07	1,902.89
Electric Light Dept.		
Rates	35,501.34	
Miscellaneous	2,520.18	38,021.52
Aid to Highways		
State	2,056.51	
County	6,066.82	8,123.33
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:		
State		
Mosquito Control	287.68	
County Tax	1,550.81	1,838.49
Revolving Fund:		
School Lunch		510.12
		433,686.54

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Overestimates 1972:		
State		
State Park Recreation	1,221.38	
MBTA	513.07	
Ipswich Water Shed	333.32	
Air Pollution	15.31	2,083.08
Payroll Deductions:		
County Retirement	4,246.61	
Group Insurance	117.75	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,586.47	8,950.83
Agency:		
Sale of Dogs	27.00	
Dog Licenses	123.30	150.30
Excess Proceeds – Land of Low Value		683.94
Tailings		332.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		655.00
Cemetery Recording of Deeds		3.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,485.33	
Mansfield Fund	2,135.37	3,620.70
Federal & State Grants:		
Public Law 874	1,500.07	1,500.07
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue		
General	64,177.24	
Electric Light	24,985.54	
Water	4,634.97	93,797.75
Sale of Cemetery Lots		2,661.00
Overlay Reserve		8,866.83
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1967	21.60	
Levy of 1969	3,770.18	
Levy of 1970	1,655.11	
Levy of 1972	2,621.70	8,068.59
Revenue Reserved for Appropriation:		
Cemetery Equipment Fund	3,153.00	
Road Machinery Fund	10,271.48	
Electric Light Meter Fund	2,865.00	
Ambulance Fund	53.00	16,342.48
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle	40,704.01	
Electric	38,021.52	
Departmental	1,902.89	
Tax Title	12,455.93	
Farm Animal Excise	21.00	
Aid to Highway	8,123.33	101,228.68
Surplus Revenue:		
General	129,943.60	
Electric	1,295.78	
Water	11,893.67	
Revenue Sharing	41,219.00	184,352.05
Reserve for Petty Cash		390.00
		433,686.54

TOWN ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
RECEIPTS 1972

TAXES

Current Year:		
Real Estate	1,092,372.71	
Personal Property	23,609.80	1,115,982.51
Previous Years:		
Real Estate	31,728.95	
Personal Property	499.06	32,228.01
Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	90,826.11	
Farm Animal Excise	39.85	
Water Liens	765.92	91,631.88
Interest:		
Real Estate	2,615.98	
Personal Property	49.76	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,008.01	
Farm Animal Excise	.80	3,674.55

LICENSES

Alcoholic	8,924.50	
Other	335.00	9,259.50

GRANTS

Federal Government:		
Public Law 874	2,748.00	
Title I	10,365.00	13,113.00
State Government:		
Veterans Services	3,397.95	
Income Valuation	10,801.23	
School Bld. Ass.	31,968.10	
Sales Tax Ch. 70	369,724.24	
Chapter 71	60,248.01	
Vocational Education	1,033.75	
School Lunch	16,160.38	
Transportation	13,738.88	
Public Health	697.46	
Highway	26,179.77	
Snow Plowing	1,413.25	
Lottery Ch. 58	21,074.41	
Other	2,827.05	559,264.48
County Government:		
Dog Licenses	2,417.57	
Highway	3,376.45	5,794.02

DEPARTMENTAL

Memorial Hall Rentals	1,500.00	
Bd. of Appeals Hearings	640.00	
Zoning Material	34.25	
Sale of Vehicle	1,040.46	
Council on Aging	75.00	
Planning Board	112.73	
Board of Registrars	33.49	
Miscellaneous	350.23	3,786.16

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Fines	1,903.00	
Accident Reports	338.00	
Firearms	403.00	
Building Permits	1,448.00	
Board of Health	1,523.00	
Plumbing, Gas & Wire	483.50	6,098.50

HIGHWAY

Equipment Rental		8,141.25

SCHOOLS

Hall Rental	280.00	
Tuition	1,468.00	
School Lunch	21,251.29	
Claim	1,013.80	24,013.09

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN

Lieu of Taxes		
Town of Danvers	3,153.50	
Tax Titles	3,307.79	
Lieu of Taxes-MIT	2,407.90	
Lieu of Taxes-MELD	22,500.00	
Miscellaneous	874.45	32,243.64

CEMETERY

Opening Graves	1,435.00	
Sale of Lots & Graves	1,310.00	
Recording of Deeds	28.00	
Perpetual Care Interest	4,576.77	
Use of Equipment	970.00	
Interment	2,005.00	
Greens	445.00	10,769.77

INTEREST

Mansfield Fund	2,910.00	
Meter Deposits	148.47	3,058.47

INDEBTEDNESS

Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00	
Bonding	58,500.00	658,500.00

TRUST AGENCY & INVESTMENT

County Retirement	21,532.08	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,769.18	
Group Insurance	1,201.29	
Dog Licenses Due County	794.75	
Sale of Dogs	24.00	42,321.30

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Electric Department:		
Sale of Light-Power	603,406.58	
Depr. Fund Transfer	82,030.05	
Miscellaneous	5,928.03	
Meter Deposits	2,160.00	693,524.66
Water Department:		
Water Income		8,837.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS		3,322,242.43
Cash Balance		332,603.06
		3,654,845.49

EXPENDITURES 1972

	Balance from 1971 and/or Appropriation	Transfers	Expended	Unexpended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator				
Salary	50.00		50.00	
Finance Committee				
Expenses	100.00		30.00	70.00
Selectmen				
Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Expenses	4,000.00		3,993.89	6.11
Secretary – Clerk	5,720.00		5,486.23	233.77
Mount Vernon St. Land Purchase	35,000.00		35,000.00	
East St. Land Purchase	2,500.00			2,500.00
Administrative Asst. Training	275.00	244.67[1]	519.67	
River St. Land Taking	500.00			500.00
Accountant				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Expenses	850.00		841.36	8.64
Treasurer				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Clerk	1,000.00		950.49	49.51
Expenses	1,609.00	150.00[1]	1,759.00	
Tax Title	2,500.00		2,115.38	384.62
Tax Collector				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Clerk	2,363.00	2,363.00		
Expenses	1,540.00		1,476.13	63.87
Tax Taking Expenses	2,000.00		62.25	1,937.75
Assessors				
Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Clerk	1,950.00		1,950.00	
Expenses	2,475.00		2,209.70	265.30
Wages – Assessment Only	1,900.00		761.99	1,138.01
Town Counsel				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Town Clerk				
Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses	495.00		473.22	21.78
Office Equipment	350.00		350.00	
Elections & Registrations				
Salaries	500.00		500.00	
Expenses	571.00	47.10[1]	618.10	
Wages	1,775.00	235.49[1]	2,010.49	
Planning Board				
Clerk	350.00		245.00	105.00
Expenses	450.00		390.89	59.11
Advertising	200.00			200.00
Consultant	400.00		200.00	200.00
Town Hall				
Salary	800.00		800.00	
Expenses	2,100.00		1,842.67	257.33
Expenses – Capital	1,808.05		83.29	1,724.76*
Memorial Hall				
Salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Expenses	3,000.00	186.77[2]	3,140.63	46.14
Expenses – Capital	3,415.83		1,084.66	2,331.17*
Tax Collector Office Remodeling	1,000.00		235.00	765.00
Personnel Board				
Clerk	300.00		287.50	12.50
Expenses	100.00		20.00	80.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			97,550.54	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Constable				
Salary	50.00		50.00	
Police Department				
Chiefs Salary	11,200.00		11,200.00	
Wages	63,199.00	1,250.00[3]	61,951.43	2,497.57
Expenses	10,341.00		9,717.95	623.05
Cruiser	2,700.00		2,692.46	7.54
Traffic Signs	500.00		254.40	245.60
Fire Department				
Chief's Salary	10,910.00		10,910.00	
Salaries	2,925.00		1,931.25	993.75
Wages	59,128.00	58,969.15	158.85	
Expenses	10,350.00		10,011.79	338.21
Fire Station Roof	72.00		72.00	
Forest Fire Truck	18,833.20		18,764.68	68.52
Special Expense	1,925.00		1,769.26	155.74
Hose Tower	9,500.00		6,926.51	2,573.49*
Building Inspector				
Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Expenses	800.00		807.18	(7.18)
Board of Appeals				
Clerk	360.00		360.00	
Expenses	70.00	46.40[1]	116.40	
Advertising	520.00		372.65	147.35
Wire Inspector				
Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses	150.00		150.00	
Civil Defense				
Expenses	100.00		98.61	1.39
Gas Inspector				
Salary	400.00		400.00	
Expenses	100.00		97.00	3.00
Plumbing Inspector				
Salary	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	150.00		103.60	46.40
Forestry Department				
Tree Warden Salary	100.00		100.00	
Expenses	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Insect & Pest Control	2,000.00		1,006.16	993.84
Dutch Elm	2,600.00		2,600.00	
New Trees	300.00		300.00	
Dog Officer				
Salary	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	800.00		781.40	18.60
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			209,113.88	

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health				
Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Expenses	21,000.00		14,407.81	6,592.19
Community Health	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Mental Health	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Medical Assistance	1,303.50			1,303.50*
Drug Education Program	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Purchase of Gravel	9,000.00	−2,000.00[4]	7,000.00	
Night Soil Operation		2,000.00[4]		2,000.00*
Inspector of Animals				
Salary	400.00		400.00	
Expenses	100.00		83.20	16.80
Inspector of Slaughtering				
Salary	50.00		50.00	
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION			32,941.01	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Road Machinery Account	8,000.00		7,040.92	959.08
Highway Expenses	28,617.00		28,406.95	210.05
Chapter 81	18,700.00		18,671.11	28.89
Chapter 90 Construction	32,505.71		22,266.43	10,239.28*
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00		4,918.75	81.25
Snow Removal	40,000.00		39,862.31	137.69
Storm Drains	3,000.00		2,535.76	464.24
Sander	3,500.00		2,850.00	650.00
Truck	6,600.00		6,288.76	311.24
Lake Street Chap. 679	2,473.73			2,473.73*
Lake Street Chap. 782	.30		.30	
Land Damage	1,212.36		936.72	275.64*
Highway Improvement Chap. 616	4,584.49			4,584.49*
River Street Reconstruction	6,000.00			6,000.00*
Street Lighting	7,800.00		5,174.17	2,625.83
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			138,952.18	
VETERANS' SERVICES				
Veterans' Agent Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses	600.00		539.35	60.65
Veterans' Aid	9,000.00		5,081.47	3,918.53
TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES			6,620.82	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
Elementary School				
School Salaries	429,498.00	−4,805.35[5]	424,692.21	.44
School Salaries Retroactive	5,106.88		5,106.88	
School Expenses	100,068.00	+6,608.21[5]	106,676.21	
Superintendent Out-of-State Travel	250.00		232.00	18.00
School Lunch	2,654.45	+39,506.67[6]	42,671.24	(510.12)*
Public Law 89-10	197.80	−197.80[7]		
Public Law 874	6,052.49	−1,149.86	3,402.56	1,500.07*
Title I	13.06	+10,365.00[8]	10,378.06	
Masconomet Regional School Dist.	646,605.96		646,605.96	
Vocational Education	5,000.00		3,863.59	1,136.41
Vocational Regional School Planning	100.00		100.00	
School Sites & Needs Comm. Expense	74.55	−74.55[7]		
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			1,243,728.71	
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT				
Salaries	16,800.00		14,757.58	2,042.42
Expenses	12,510.00		9,915.30	2,594.70
Insurance	1,200.00		638.00	562.00
Dog Tax		1,032.52	1,032.52	
State Aid		1,516.50	1,516.50	
TOTAL LIBRARY DEPARTMENT			27,859.90	
RECREATION DEPARTMENT				
Park Department Labor	3,000.00		2,198.29	801.71
Park Department Expenses	500.00	850.00[1]	1,348.86	1.14
East Street Pool	500.00		500.00	
New Equipment	500.00		500.00	
Playground Equipment	300.00		96.10	203.90
Swimming Equipment	200.00			200.00
Beach Life Guards	1,050.00		2,049.75	.25
Town Picnic	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Skating	600.00		157.13	442.87
Recreation Expenses	1,542.14		1,529.58	12.56
Recreation Transportation	1,050.00		1,035.00	15.00
Wages Playground	1,800.00		1,786.00	14.00
TOTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT			12,200.71	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT				
Commissioners' Salaries	150.00		150.00	
Superintendent of Burials Salary	50.00		50.00	
Expenses	10,730.00		10,702.17	27.83
Opening Graves	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Perpetual Care		2,647.24	2,647.24	
Hot Top	500.00		374.78	125.22
New Equipment	500.00		446.30	53.70
TOTAL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT			16,870.49	
SPECIAL				
Council on Aging				
Expenses	2,527.12		1,809.98	717.14*
Industrial Development Commission	382.85			382.85*
Building Space Committee				
Expenses	987.00		37.39	949.61*
Architect Fees	109.51			
No. Main Street Land Purchase	20,000.00		20,000.00	
Police Station	3,000.00	25,000.00[9]	9,008.17	18,991.83*
Police Station Relocation	1,500.00		1,445.50	54.50
TOTAL SPECIAL			32,301.40	
UNCLASSIFIED				
1971 Bills	291.56		269.06	22.50
Retirement Assessment	44,672.00		44,671.77	.23
Printing Town By-Laws	500.00			500.00*
Printing Building Codes	200.00			200.00*
Printing Town Reports	3,000.00		2,008.20	991.80
Revolutionary Markers	58.00		58.00	
Memorial Day	800.00		636.18	163.82
General Insurance	10,000.00	8,000.00[4]/710.70[1]	18,635.70	75.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	5,230.00	770.00[1]	6,000.00	
Christmas Lighting	75.00		59.65	15.35
Street Lighting	7,800.00		5,174.17	2,625.83
Conservation Commission				
Expenses	300.00		38.19	261.81
Fund	1,016.00			1,016.00*
State Retirement	600.00		549.66	50.34
Copy Machine	1,500.00		1,421.44	78.56
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED			79,522.02	
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST				
School Addition 1956	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Fuller Meadow School 1964	20,000.00		20,000.00	
Interest	22,000.00		17,725.90	4,274.10
Tan Anticipation Notes			600,000.00	
TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INTEREST			647,725.90	
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES				
Water Department				
Salaries	450.00		300.00	150.00
Expenses	450.00		427.29	22.71
Maintenance	4,600.00		996.51	3,603.49
Debt Repayment	3,800.00		3,800.00	
So. Main Street Extension	4,634.97			4,634.97*
Electric Light Department				
Maintenance & Operation	162,577.00	25,000.00	177,521.38	10,055.62
Production	686,700.00	-25,000.00	383,575.92	278,124.08
Depreciation	45,895.00		45,894.49	.51
Right of Way	100.00			100.00*
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES			612,515.59	

TRUST, AGENCY & INVESTMENT

State Park Recreation	6,659.34
Mosquito Control	6,372.47
Metropolitan Area Planning	179.30
MBTA	36,570.93
County Tax	33,210.97
Auditing Municipal Accounts	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	439.05
Ipswich Watershed	21.45
Metropolitan Air Pollution	129.55
Cemetery Recording Deeds	25.00
Endowment of Lots	2,775.00
Dog Licenses Due County	2,020.50
Sale of Dogs	24.00
Meter Deposits	1,815.79
Meter Deposit Interest	95.38
State Withholding Tax	33.89
Federal Withholding Tax	543.16
County Retirement	16,798.99
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	33,107.12
Group Insurance	2,265.84
Water Liens	765.92
Mansfield Fund	2,336.60
MELD Depreciation	79,977.22
MELD Construction	46,163.83
TOTAL TRUST, AGENCY & INVESTMENT	272,331.30

REFUNDS

Real Estate Tax	2,246.90
Personal Property Tax	28.04
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,690.54
Electric Light Department	932.21
TOTAL REFUNDS	4,897.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,435,132.14
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1972	219,713.35
	3,654,845.49

1. Transfer from Finance Committee
2. Restitution from damage claim
3. Transfer from Sick Leave Account
4. Special Town Meeting
5. Transfer per School Committee
6. Reimbursements
7. To Surplus
8. Title I Reimbursement
9. Short Term Borrowing

Unexpended Balances with asterisk (*) carried forward to 1973/1974

Transfers	Appropriated	Transfered	Unexpended
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,000.00	16,553.56	1,446.44
Group Insurance	1,200.00	1,132.92	67.08
Sick Leave	3,000.00	1,250.00	1,750.00
Finance Committee Reserve	10,000.00	3,054.36	6,945.64

SALARIES AND WAGES PAID 1972

REGULAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

William J. Hocter	9,049.42
William F. Hocter	2,081.83
Frank A. Karayianes	8,648.08
Frank A. Karayianes	2,674.80
Henry Michalski, Jr.	8,679.98
Henry Michalski, Jr.	1,757.49
George W. Nash	9,881.40
George W. Nash	1,551.01
Harold F. Purdy	11,539.42

CALL FIREMEN

Roland Clarke	304.85
Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	363.70
Charles S. Clinch III	1,742.24
Richard D. Collins	545.24
John H. Cryan	395.76
George E. Dow, Sr.	557.63
Richard G. Floyd, Jr.	967.11
Clement Ford	16.25
Richard G. Goodale, Jr.	458.49
Richard G. Goodale, Sr.	1,963.26
Francis J. Hocter	182.00
Andrew Karayianes	268.63
Edward Karayianes, Jr.	150.75
Paul Kilroy	205.00
George C. Kimball	487.39
David T. Leary	1,901.51
James K. Martin	138.37
Frank Maynard	75.00
Edward J. Michalski	372.67
William Mugford, Jr.	1,932.38
James Muise	536.50
Richard F. Nash	446.54
Charles W. Newhall	164.17
James H. Ogden, Jr.	3.50
James H. Ogden, Sr.	810.87
Carl N. Ohlson	175.75
Charles H. Ohlson, Jr.	259.25
Carl R. Peterson	3.25
Samuel Poel	124.25
James Sauliner	30.62
Karl A. Shuman	136.50
Wilbur A. Witham	69.87

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul F. Armitage	4,766.00
William Barrett	10,200.82
Eleanor A. Benedetto	146.49
Henry A. Bouchard	12,036.56
Celeste V. Cormier	33.25
David W. DiTomaso	4,409.76
Louis J. Fedullo	3,176.25
Robert Hurd	2,924.25
Orin A. Nelson, Jr.	113.75
Earl Peachey	2,779.00
Robert T. Peachey	10,650.17
Paul J. Peters	1,183.00
Edward J. Richardson	10,786.53
James W. Wentworth	8,400.60

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

John M. Bishop	10,063.78
Charles Clinch, Jr.	12,939.93
Annie J. Dow	7,930.00
J. Lansing English	14,833.00
Muriel Gullifer	2,908.50
Paul G. Kilroy	11,486.35
Robert Merry	50.51
John Milbery	23.31
Carl R. Peterson	11,568.66
James Sabino	1,536.00
Louis L. Sabino	5,226.00
Scott Kingsley	840.00
Pauline E. Shuman	285.36
Gene C. Trask	8,110.56
Wilbur A. Witham	11,221.29

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Daniel Anderson	211.76
Allan Angers	25.20
Dana A Aylward	297.30
John A. Beane	17.60
Leopold S. Blais	8,730.90
Kenneth Brown	60.90
Jeannette Colby	396.00
Margaret J. Colby	158.40
Bruce Conway	325.56
Ernest Daniels	56.70
Donald K. Dixey	8,585.01
James M. Donavan	8,770.41
Steven Faulkner	198.16
Ronald Gagnon	76.48
Lloyd E. Gifford	1,971.31
Ernest R. Gould	415.38
Bobby Hill	83.98
Peter Kasenenko	8,816.76
Arthur LeBlanc	10.50
Ronald Lewis	210.65
Allan Marshall	9,495.00
Debra L. Marcotte	70.40
Leo H. C. Massei	250.58
Daniel Maynard	120.58
David Maynard	33.15
William Mugford, Jr.	8,677.71
Paul Pellicelli	10.50
Richard Pennock	92.40
Samuel Poel	148.01
Gordon Sheldon	183.35
Michael Sliney	27.30
Barry Stevens	126.01
James Stone	37.80
Paul Vasey	17.60

LIBRARY

Page Campbell	2,460.48
Jacqueline Comer	69.76
Dorothy H. English	2,934.80
Wendy Ford	5.53
Jeanne Kelly	216.48

Patricia M. Kelley	1,050.76
Rosemary A. Malone	1,790.87
Tracy Malone	194.34
Mary McKenney	117.72
William Mugford, Jr.	1,200.00
Donna Murphy	33.97
Philip E. Northway	958.38
Kathy Ryan	4.74
Edith A. Wennerberg	2,477.76
Virgina E. Wentworth	1,020.81
Christine Whelan	85.32

CEMETERY, TREE, PARK DEPARTMENTS

Ernest R. Gould	8,035.88
Leo Massei	3,602.76
Lloyd E. Gifford	3,814.06
Dana Aylward	654.72

TOWN OFFICES

Richard O. Ajootian	47.25
Richard Ajootian	204.18
Irene Ashley	8.75
Donald Aylward	1,000.00
Martha Ballard	8.75
John Barrett	800.00
Kathleen Bastable	428.00
Susan M. Callahan	200.00
Joseph J. Campano, Jr.	2,000.00
John W. Campbell	1,108.00
John M. Cryan	100.00
Virginia M. Cryan	70.00
Dennis E. Currier	795.82
William R. Dion	250.00
Thomas F. Dolan	1,000.00
Arthur R. Donovan	2,000.00
George E. Dow, Sr.	749.99
John T. Dowling	250.00
David E. Firbanks	100.00
George E. Farley	750.00
Michael Farley	430.00
Edith Farnham	31.50
Dorothy Ferreira	31.50
Violet Fontaine	21.00
Robert Fox	250.00
William Fuller	1,000.00
Lloyd H. Getchell	85.50
Ann L. Goodale	22.75
Ernest R. Gould	100.00
Shirley Gould	17.50
Bernard Greenbaum	750.01
Mary Hamilton	14.00
Barbara Harlow	8.75
Francis J. Hocter	173.16
Joseph C. Hocter	210.00
Lorayne Hocter	31.50
Mary Hocter	1,030.00
Mary C. Hocter	255.25
Lynn A. Jillson	630.00
Diane F. Jordan	83.52
Patricia M. Jordan	4,000.00
Patricia M. Jordan	10.50
Mary E. Karayianes	55.00
Patricia Kimball	8.75
John Kinsvater	250.00
Kevin T. Knobloch	161.00
Gerald Lane	150.00
Michael Lavorgna	50.00
Ernest F. LeBeau	974.97
Leon J. LeBlanc	1,000.00
Rita LeBlanc	28.00
Esther McColley	86.63
Jean K. McSheehy	5,501.93
William T. Martin, Jr.	162.00
William T. Martin, Jr.	200.00
William T. Martin, Jr.	1,000.00
Kathryn Martinuk	17.50
Alice Milbery	8.75
John W. Milbery	1,000.00
Richard A. Moreschi	150.00
William Mugford, Jr.	1,200.00
Robert F. Murphy	3,000.00
Charles H. Ohlson, Jr.	1,050.00
Gloria J. Oleary	187.50
Janet S. Osgood	8.75
Blanche Paul	91.88
Betty Peachey	31.50
Robert T. Peachey	50.00
Hope Peckham	8.75
Dorothy Pellicelli	19.25
John Pellicelli	50.00
Sandra Pollack	8.75
Marie Preytis	10.50
Shirley Raynard	35.00
Edward Richardson	100.00
Bruce Russell	464.00
Barbara J. Ryer	305.00
Jerome A. Segal	4,000.00
Alexandra G. Shaw	10.50
Alexandra Shaw	531.06
Bernice Sherwood	86.63
Pauline Shuman	8.75
Jacqueline Smith	1,950.06
Doreen Spencer	464.00
Rita Spottiswood	8.75
Virginia Stevens	8.75
Jean E. Stewart	784.04
Jean E. Stewart	10.50
Elsie Thurston	8.75
M. Evelyn Trum	447.50
Suzanne Truppaso	287.50
Harold E. Tyler	4,000.00
Laura R. Tyler	2,354.29
Jean Ulbin	8.75
Suzanne C. Ullven	8.75
James Vrees	150.00
Paul B. Wake	1,000.00
J. Russell Wallen	50.00
Mary Whelan	19.25
Marie Winquist	86.63
Ann Woodbury	250.75
Beverly Woodbury	122.75

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Georgie E. Acheson	319.20
Daniel Anderson	2,553.20
Thomas Anderson	2,092.29
Mary Anne Amero	9,306.24
Irene J. Ashley	2,427.83
Louise M. Barry	5,375.00

Elsie Bouchard	80.00
Barbara Bowes	6,703.89
Barbara Bowes	300.00
Janet Branch	250.00
Sharman Brisson	4,792.37
Barbara Bryne	20.00
Cheryl Buchner	80.00
Sandra Budzinski	3,550.10
Marion Burr	200.00
Susan Burrall	200.00
Vera Carlson	840.00
Vera Carlson	8,211.31
Doris J. Carroll	2,425.66
Eleanor C. Cassidy	10,520.48
Ruth M. Chasse	12,757.65
Aurore Chouinard	33.00
Aurore Chouinard	79.50
Janet Clapshaddle	40.00
Susan B. Cohen	10,100.51
Mary Curreri	5,031.71
Charlotte Dagnostion	100.00
Anne Daniels	240.00
Christine A. Deasy	9,301.18
Christine Deasy	840.00
Stephen M. Denson	11,405.96
Cornelia Deschepper	5,250.03
Craol Doherty	8,960.04
Carol Doherty	612.00
Rose Marie Dorman	7,633.21
Helen A. Doucette	2,826.37
Catherine M. Driscoll	8,447.88
Mary Emro	2,157.11
Judith M. Evans	559.20
Linda Evans	6.00
Marie Farley	12.75
Eva Farnsworth	344.30
Charles C. Farrell	140.00
Joan L. Farrin	681.61
Francis N. FitzGerald	18,923.10
Patricia FitzGerald	1,265.00
Philip A. Flowers	12,304.95
Philip A. Flowers	750.00
Jean Gagnon	670.00
Richard Gannon	2,856.64
Christine Gardner	20.00
Barbara R. Gayton	400.05
Henrietta Giannino	11,385.62
Roslyn Goldman	7,469.42
John Goldsmith	2,606.84
Ann Goodale	4,202.93
Wilhemine Hall	2,686.84
Wilhemine Hall	336.00
Wilhemine Hall	290.00
Mary Hamilton	3,406.06
Thomas Hamilton	80.00
Eileen Hammond	10,478.30
Sally June Hatfield	220.00
Lorayne C. Hocter	1,069.29
Estelle Hughes	220.00
Rosemary Janco	840.00
Angela Johns	50.00
Nellie S. Johnston	11,640.58
Jeanne Kelley	53.65
Pamela Kelley	48.11
Patricia M. Kelley	1,121.57
Rita Kelley	2,172.65
Paul E. Kellogg	2,831.84
Mary E. King	7,746.85
Rose E. King	11,620.58
John Kinsvater	1,045.64
Ann L. Knower	20.00
Christine Kuntz	3,833.99
Marjorie Lake	20.00
Sally Langis	2,570.85
Villa Lavorgna	10,520.59
Cyrille Lazo	20.00
Richard LeBel	635.00
Evelyn Lennox	245.00
Evelyn F. Lennox	2,643.85
Georgia D. Lewis	6,872.88
Perley D. Lovelace	5,763.63
Janice Macauley	85.11
Veronica McIntosh	10,905.17
David McMinimen	210.00
Harry J. Mavragis	10,022.35
Sandra L. Meier	9,834.98
Sandra L. Meier	840.00
Carlotta S. Miller	4,147.63
Rose Mugford	537.50
Beverly A. Napieracz	812.00
Beverly A. Napieracz	10,762.61
Barbara Olsen	260.00
Florence Peart	154.20
Florence Peart	137.70
Mary Perkins	180.00
Marsha Pickard	151.25
Frances Porter	382.05
Lorraine Prendible	1,005.00
Alice Reynolds	465.05
T. Myron Reynolds	7,346.27
Jane Reilly	1,240.00
Janet M. Riley	7,606.28
Dana Rubchinuk	1,224.71
Timothy Rubchinuk	1,610.84
Alan Russell	511.52
Ralph H. Russell	3,645.86
Barbara J. Ryer	5,929.44
Ruth I. Sgroi	6,898.01
Martha Soule	1,263.42
Sharlene Smith	205.00
Shelia Standring	400.00
Ann Steinberg	5,244.46
Mark Stevens	154.48
Ronald H. Stevens	576.42
Jeanie Sweeney	100.00
Nancy A. Thomas	1,220.15
Jean Ulbin	83.00
Susan Ullven	18.00
Jeannette Vrees	56.70
Faylene H. Webber	9,829.19
Virginia Wentworth	300.00
Carolyn H. White	10,778.30
Joyce E. Williamson	8,995.04
Eugene C. Winter	14,583.36
William Wiswall	1,000.00
Victoria M. Young	544.05

TAX COLLECTOR

Real Estate Taxes – 1971

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 33,698.00	
Interest	1,344.81	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 31,728.95
Interest		1,344.81
Tax Takings		1,001.07
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1972 (Oaknuts Park)		967.98
	$ 35,042.81	$ 35,042.81

Real Estate Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	$1,165,765.50	
Interest	1,100.54	
*Refunds	2,246.90	
Collections:		
Tax		$1,092,372.71
Interest		1,100.54
Abatements		33,157.05
Certified to Tax Title Accounts		2,495.08
Uncoll. Dec. 31, 1972		39,987.56
	$1,169,112.94	$1,169,112.94

*Includes refund for over-payment – $100.80

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1967

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 249.70	
Interest	8.05	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 20.35
Interest		8.05
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		229.35
	$ 257.75	$ 257.75

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1968

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 301.21	
Interest	62.34	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 154.83
Interest		62.34
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		146.38
	$ 363.55	$ 363.55

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1969

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 5,143.06	
Interest	47.67	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 178.75
Interest		47.67
Abatements		89.10
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		4,875.21
	$ 5,190.73	$ 5,190.73

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1970

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 5,123.96	
Interest	138.10	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 940.66
Interest		138.10
Abatements		13.20
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		4,170.10
	$ 5,262.06	$ 5,262.06

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1971

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 19,919.69	
Committed 1972	21,891.92	
Interest	714.51	
Refunds	921.76	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 28,474.48
Interest		714.51
Abatements		6,709.69
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		7,549.20
	$ 43,447.88	$ 43,447.88

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	$ 91,831.01	
Interest	37.34	
Refunds	1,341.35	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 61,057.04
Interest		37.34
Abatements		7,544.41
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		24,570.91
	$ 93,209.70	$ 93,209.70

Personal Property Taxes – 1968

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 218.40	
Balance December 31, 1972		$ 218.40
	$ 218.40	$ 218.40

Personal Property Taxes – 1969

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 176.40	
Balance December 31, 1972		$ 176.40
	$ 176.40	$ 176.40

Personal Property Taxes – 1970

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 213.59	
Interest	9.12	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 62.54
Interest		9.12
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		151.05
	$ 222.71	$ 222.71

Personal Property Taxes – 1971

Balance January 1, 1972	$ 953.05	
Interest	21.12	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 451.36
Interest		21.12
Balance Dec. 31, 1972		501.69
	$ 974.17	$ 974.17

Personal Property Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	$ 24,898.95	
Interest	10.67	
Refund	28.04	
Collections:		
Tax		$23,763.19
Interest		10.67
Abatements		37.39
Uncoll. Dec. 31, 1972		1,126.41
	$ 24,937.66	$ 24,937.66

Farm Animal Excise Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	$ 39.85	
Interest	.80	
Collections:		
Tax		$ 39.85
Interest		.80
	$ 40.65	$ 40.65

Water Lien Accounts – 1972

1972 Commitment	$ 770.87	
Collections:		$ 765.92
Transferred to Tax Title Account		4.95
	$ 770.87	$ 770.87

Summary and Comparison

1971 – 1972

Commitments

	1971	1972	Increase
Real Estate Taxes	$1,051,454.88	$1,165,765.50	$ 114,310.62
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	125,016.64	113,722.93	11,293.71*
Personal Property Taxes	22,440.24	24,898.95	2,458.71
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	32.00	39.85	7.85
Water Lien Accounts	1,731.92	770.87	961.05*
Special Assessment	370.50	–0–	370.50*
	$1,201,046.18	$1,305,198.10	$ 104,151.92

*Decrease

Collections

	1971	1972	Increase
Real Estate Taxes	$1,022,921.08	$1,126,547.01	$ 103,625.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	111,603.57	91,854.12	19,749.45*
Personal Property Taxes	21,867.13	24,318.80	2,451.67
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	32.64	40.65	8.01
Water Lien Accounts	1,671.25	765.92	905.33*
Special Assessment	370.50	–0–	370.50*
	$1,158,466.17	$1,243,526.50	$ 85,060.33

*Decrease

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Tax Commitments have once again shown a substantial increase. The total for this year is $1,305,198.10 – an increase of $104,151.92 over last year. The largest increase is in the Real Estate commitment which is $114,310.62 over last year. Real Estate Taxes are 96.6% collected this year. The increase in Real Estate is offset by a decrease in Motor Vehicle Excise, Water Liens and Special Assessments. Excise Tax Commitments were very late this year. We are still waiting for a substantial commitment of 1972 Excise Taxes. Many problems have resulted from changes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended by Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1971, created the fiscal cycle law. There will be a transitional period of eighteen months, commencing with January 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1974. As the law now stands, Tax bills for 1973 will provide for two payments. A twelve months payment due and payable on or before November 1, 1973; a six months payment due and payable on or before May 1, 1974. The change of fiscal year and the transitional period will result in many changes of bookkeeping procedure in the Collector's office.

Once again, I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all Town officials and citizens for their co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Tyler,
Collector of Taxes

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee for the Town of Middleton herewith submits its report and recommendations to the annual town meeting of March 13, 1973.

Introduction

Two Acts recently passed by the State and Federal Legislatures have had great impact on forming the ensuing budget.

The first Act is entitled the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 and is more commonly referred to as Federal Revenue Sharing. This law disburses federal funds to state and local governments to supplement income. In general the funds may be used for maintenance and operating expenses for Public Safety, Environmental Protection, Public Transportation, Health, Recreation, Libraries, Social Services, Financial Administration and ordinary and necessary capital expenditures authorized by law. Many other expenditures, however, are prohibited.

The second Act created the State Fiscal Cycle Law. The purpose of this Act was to place all governments within the State on a fiscal cycle of July through June as opposed to January through December. This Act necessitated establishment of one 18 month budget beginning Jan. 1, 1973 and running through June 30, 1974. At the end of this period the budget for the Town will once again revert to a 12 month cycle. It is this one 18 month budget that your Finance Committee recommends for your consideration at this March 1973 Town Meeting.

Recommendations

1. We recommend your support for the establishment of a Charter Commission. During in-depth budget reviews with each Town Department it is apparent that there are overlapping responsibilities and a need to reevaluate the function of each Department. Considerations must be given to regionalization of some activities, consolidation of departments and better utilization of equipment and facilities. The $3M business of running the Town Government demands more than part-time administration.

2. The total cost of educating our children is overwhelming when compared to the total Town Budget. Waste Disposal is unsettled with respect to its ultimate direction. Each of the Masconomet Region towns attempts to analyze effects of the Masco. Budget independently. The use of Ad Hoc Committees with clearly defined goals is encouraged for use of each existing committee, including Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

3. Long Range Capital Expenditures for our Town must be collectively programmed. Unless this is done we face the probability of major expenditures simultaneously appearing on Town Warrants. The need is real. We intend to meet with the Selectmen for the purpose of establishing a Long Range Capital Investment Committee.

4. As a Finance Committee we have been unable to spend sufficient time on the school budgets. Attempting to review in a few short meetings a budget as complex as that proposed by Masconomett is ineffective and unproductive. In cooperation with the neighboring towns of Boxford and Topsfield we will appoint two members of our Finance Committee to serve as Fin. Comm. advisor and. laison between Regional School budgeting activities and local Finance Committees. We are currently reviewing establishing a similar laison with our local School Committee.

Summary

The establishment of the 18 month budget has been an exhausting task. Many extra hours have been expended by Department Heads, Selectmen and Committees in providing justification for their requests. To these people we express our sincere gratitude.

Paul Richardson, Chairman
Robert Porteous
Alton Goodale
Donald Halloran
Robert Gowen
Harry Hackett
Robert Spencer

The following is a record of our expenditures from the Reserve Fund for 1972, which should agree with your records.

Reserve Fund Appropriations for 1972	10,000.00
Item	
Board of Appeals Expense Account	46.40
Insurance Account	1,480.70
Elections & Registration Account	282.59
Park Dept., Expense Account	850.00
Treasurers Expense Account	150.00
Administrative Assistant Account	244.67
Total Expended	3,054.36
Unexpended Balance Returned to Town	6,945.64

Very truly yours,

Donald F. Halloran, Clerk
Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Account	Expended 1971	Recommended 1972	Expended 1972	Recommended 1973	Recommended First Half 1974	Recommended Jan. 1973 Thru Jan. 1974
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Moderator						
1. Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
Finance Committee						
2. Expenses	50.00	100.00	30.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Selectmen						
3. Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
4. Expenses	3,494.05	4,000.00	3,993.89	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
5. Administrative Assist	5,772.79	5,720.00	5,486.23	5,720.00	2,860.00	8,580.00
Administrative (Training)	0.00	275.00	519.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accountant						
6. Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
7. Clerical	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
8. Expenses	355.26	850.00	841.36	341.00	230.00	571.00
Treasurer						
9. Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
10. Clerical	1,066.70	1,000.00	950.49	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
11. Expenses	1,568.14	1,609.00	1,759.00	1,975.00	1,000.00	2,975.00
12. Computer Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	600.00	1,850.00
13. Tax Titles	2,350.89	2,500.00	2,115.38	2,600.00	800.00	3,400.00
Collector of Taxes						
14. Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
15. Clerk	2,287.50	2,363.00	2,363.00	2,363.00	990.00	3,353.00
16. Expenses	1,667.61	1,540.00	1,476.13	1,802.50	901.00	2,703.50
17. Computer Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.00	125.00	357.00
Assessors						
18. Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
19. Clerk	1,794.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	975.00	2,925.00
20. Expenses	1,646.92	2,475.00	2,209.70	2,165.00	950.00	3,115.00
21. Wages (Assessment only)	1,900.00	1,900.00	761.99	1,900.00	950.00	2,850.00
Town Counsel						
22. Salary	3,300.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
23. Expenses	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	2,250.00
Town Clerk						
24. Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
25. Expenses	404.50	495.00	473.22	555.00	305.00	860.00
26. Office Equipment	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elections & Registrations						
27. Salaries	200.00	500.00	500.00	300.00	250.00	550.00
28. Expenses	1,619.94	571.00	618.10	766.00	385.00	1,151.00
29. Wages	0.00	1,775.00	2,010.49	875.00	875.00	1,750.00
Planning Board						
30. Clerical	0.00	350.00	245.00	350.00	175.00	525.00
31. Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
32. Consultant	0.00	400.00	200.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
33. Expenses	954.60	450.00	390.89	450.00	225.00	675.00
Town Hall						
34. Salary	660.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
35. Expenses–Operating	1,148.00	2,100.00	1,842.67	1,500.00	900.00	2,400.00
36. Expenses–Capital	1,980.99	0.00	83.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Hall						
37. Salary	900.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00	1,800.00
38. Expenses–Operating	2,788.16	3,000.00	3,140.63	3,300.00	2,000.00	5,300.00
39. Expenses–Capital	4,942.08	0.00	1,084.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
40. Remodeling (Tax Office)	0.00	1,000.00	235.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personnel Board						
41. Clerk	225.00	300.00	287.50	400.00	200.00	600.00
42. Expenses	61.95	100.00	20.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
SUB TOTALS	63,389.74	66,423.00	62,488.29	63,644.50	32,121.00	95,765.50

PUBLIC SAFETY

	Constable						
43.	Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
	Police Department						
44.	Chief's Salary	10,616.00	11,200.00	11,200.00	14,306.00	7,153.00	21,459.00
45.	Wages	52,384.06	61,949.00	61,951.43	65,065.00	32,749.00	97,814.00
46.	Overtime	0.00	0.00		1,800.00	900.00	2,700.00
47.	Expenses	9,931.05	10,341.00	9,717.95	13,080.00	5,715.00	18,795.00
	Fire Department						
48.	Chief's Salary	10,341.00	10,910.00	10,910.00	13,131.00	7,152.25	20,283.25
49.	Salaries	2,175.00	2,925.00	1,931.25	2,925.00	1,462.50	4,387.50
50.	Wages	56,251.37	59,128.00	58,969.15	56,171.00	29,054.50	85,225.50
51.	Overtime	0.00	0.00		6,351.00	3,402.00	9,753.00
52.	Expenses	12,260.95	10,350.00	10,011.79	11,325.00	5,400.00	16,765.00
53.	Expenses "Special"	0.00	1,925.00	1,769.26	1,275.00	0.00	1,275.00
	Building Inspector						
54.	Salary	1,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
55.	Expenses	779.12	800.00	807.18	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
	Board of Appeals						
56.	Expenses	176.58	70.00	116.40	150.00	75.00	225.00
57.	Clerk	0.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	180.00	540.00
58.	Advertising	0.00	520.00	372.65	600.00	300.00	900.00
	Wire Inspector						
59.	Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
60.	Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
	Civil Defense						
61.	Expenses	33.00	100.00	98.61	100.00	50.00	150.00
	Gas Inspector						
62.	Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
63.	Expenses	93.00	100.00	97.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
	Plumbing Inspector						
64.	Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	900.00
65.	Expenses	112.00	150.00	103.60	150.00	75.00	225.00
	Forestry Department						
66.	Expenses	2,005.77	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	800.00	3,200.00
67.	Insect & Pest Control	1,782.19	2,000.00	1,006.16			2,600.00
68.	Dutch Elm	2,179.25	2,600.00	2,600.00	4,600.00	1,200.00	3,200.00
69.	New Trees	499.95	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	600.00
70.	Salary–Tree Warden	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
	Dog Officer						
71.	Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	900.00
72.	Expenses	797.65	800.00	800.00	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
	SUB TOTALS	167,617.84	183,828.00	180,422.43	200,689.00	99,233.25	299,922.25

HEALTH & SANITATION

	Board of Health						
73.	Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
74.	Expenses	22,190.34	21,000.00	14,407.81	18,303.00	10,164.00	28,467.00
75.	Supplies–Land Fill	0.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00
76.	Community Health	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00
77.	Mental Health	1,265.28	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,943.00	1,000.00	2,943.00
78.	Expenses–Solid Land Comm.				1,480.00	740.00	2,220.00
	Inspector of Animals						
79.	Salary	250.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
80.	Expenses	92.10	100.00	83.20	100.00	50.00	150.00
	SUB TOTAL		39,100.00	30,491.01	36,226.00	22,154.00	58,380.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

81.	Road Machinery Account	6,490.21	8,000.00*	7,042.92*	8,000.00*	4,000.00*	12,000.00*
82	Highway Supervisors Salary	9,000.00	9,495.00**	9,495.00**	10,150.00**	5,075.00**	15,225.00**
83.	Highway Expenses	25,266.63	28,617.00	28,406.95	30,357.00	15,178.50	45,535.00
84.	Chapter 81	9,338.16			9,350.00	4,675.00	14,025.00
85.	Chapter 81 State	9,338.16	18,700.00***	18,671.11***	9,350.00***	4,675.00***	14,025.00***
86.	Chapter 90 Construction	4,750.00			4,750.00	0.00	4,750.00
87.	Chapter 90 County & State	13,560.18	19,000.00**	22,266.43***	14,250.00***	0.00***	14,250.00***
88.	Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,998.37	5,000.00	4,918.75	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
89	Snow Removal	33,593.40	40,000.00	39,862.31			
90	Labor regular				7,700.00	5,820.00	13,520.00
91.	Labor overtime				9,000.00	6,750.00	15,750.00
92	Equipment–Town				4,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
93.	Equipment–Hire				7,500.00	5,700.00	13,200.00
94.	Sand				6,300.00	4,800.00	11,100.00
95.	Salt				7,500.00	5,700.00	13,200.00
96.	Snow Plow Blades & Parts				3,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
97.	Storm Drains		3,000.00	2,535.76	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
	SUB TOTALS		76,617.00	73,188.01	97,457.00	55,123.50	152,580.50

*To be taken from Road Machinery Account
**To be taken from Available Dept. Funds
***County and State Reimbursement to Surplus Revenue
(Asterisked items not included in dollar totals)

	Veterans Services						
98.	Veterans Agent Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
99.	Expenses	595.00	600.00	539.35	600.00	300.00	900.00
100.	Veterans Aid	6,497.93	9,000.00	5,081.47	9,000.00	4,500.00	13,500.00
	SUB TOTALS	8,022.93	10,600.00	6,620.82	10,600.00	5,300.00	15,900.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

101.	Elementary School						
102.	Salaries	374,645.81	429,498.00	424,692.21			766,417.00
103.	Expenses	84,845.49	100,068.00	106,676.21			182,858.00
104.	Supt. out of State Travel	198.50	250.00	232.00			500.00
105.	Insurance	0.00	0.00		4,161.56	4,125.56	8,287.12
106	Vocational Education	4,184.41	5,000.00	3,863.59	5,000.00	4,000.00	9,000.00
107.	Masco. Reg. School Dist.	591,670.64	646,605.96	646,605.96			1,169,416.56
108.	Vocational Reg. School Dist.	0.00	100.00	100.00			3,999.00
	SUB TOTAL	1,055,284.85	1,181,421.96	1,182,169.97			2,140,477.68

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

109.	Salaries	13,374.17	16,800.00	14,757.58	19,900.00	11,500.00	31,400.00
110.	Insurance	0.00	1,200.00	638.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
111.	Expenses	9,582.98	9,960.98	9,915.30	13,525.00	7,097.00	20,622.00
112.	Plus Dog Tax & State Aid	1,700.00	2,549.02	2,549.02			
	SUB TOTAL	24,631.06	30,510.00	27,859.90	33,425.00	18,597.00	52,022.00

RECREATION

113.	Park Labor	0.00	3,000.00	2,198.29	2,000.00	800.00	2,800.00
114.	Expenses	2,993.63	500.00	1,348.86	1,000.00	400.00	1,400.00
115.	East Street Pool	463.20	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
116.	New Equipment	489.78	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
117.	Wages Beach Life Guard	2,089.50	2,050.00	2,049.75	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
118.	Town Picnic	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
119.	Basketball Program	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
110.	Skating	0.00	600.00	157.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
111.	Wages Playground	0.00	1,800.00	1,786.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
112.	Playgound Equipment	0.00	300.00	96.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
113.	Swimming Equipment	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
114.	Transportation			1,035.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
	SUB TOTAL	7,036.11	10,450.00	10,671.13	6,750.00	1,450.00	8,200.00

	CEMETERY DEPARTMENT						
115.	Commissioners Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	75.00	225.00
116.	Supt. of Burials	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
117.	Labor	0.00	0.00		8,380.00	4,840.00	13,220.00
118.	Expenses	10,230.00	10,730.00	10,702.17	2,750.00	1,700.00	4,450.00
119.	Opening Graves	2,278.31	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	3,750.00
120.	Equipment	249.95	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
121.	Hot Top	498.00	500.00	374.78	500.00	0.00	500.00
	SUB TOTALS	13,456.26	13,930.00	13,776.95	14,330.00	7,890.00	22,220.00
	UNCLASSIFIED						
122.	Retirement Assessment	37,257.38	44,672.00	44,671.77	45,655.79	22,827.90	68,483.69
123.	Printing Town Reports	2,418.82	3,000.00	2,008.20	3,200.00	3,200.00	6,400.00
124.	Sick Leave	1,040.00	3,000.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
125.	Memorial Day	790.50	800.00	636.18	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
122.	General Liability Insurance	6,792.61	10,000.00	18,635.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
127.	Motor Vehicle Insurance	4,601.50	5,230.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
128.	Insurance	1,119.19	1,200.00	1,132.92	18,154.44	18,154.44	36,308.88
129.	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	14,935.04	18,000.00	16,553.56	25,000.00	14,000.00	39,000.00
130.	Christmas Lighting	79.30	75.00	59.65	90.00	0.00	90.00
131.	Street Lighting	7,396.91	6,500.00	5,174.17	7,000.00	4,000.00	11,000.00
132.	Reserve Fund	5,047.68	10,000.00	3,054.36	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
133.	Conservation Commission	40.00	300.00	38.19	300.00	150.00	450.00
134.	State & Municipal Retirement	522.67	600.00	549.66	1,468.87	1,500.00	2,968.87
	SUB TOTAL	82,041.60	108,377.00	99,764.36	114,669.10	71,132.34	185,801.44
	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST						
135.	School Addition 1966	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
136	Fuller Meadow School 1964	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
137.	Interest	15,576.78	22,000.00	17,725.90	20,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00
	SUB TOTAL	45,576.78	52,000.00	47,725.90	50,000.00	5,000.00	55,000.00
	PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES						
	Water Department						
138.	Salaries	300.00	450.00	300.00	450.00	0.00	950.00
139.	Expenses	221.53	450.00	427.29	550.00	300.00	850.00
140.	Maintenance	1,333.90	4,600.00	996.51	4,600.00	2,300.00	6,900.00
141.	Debt Repayment	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	2,300.00	6,100.00
	SUB TOTAL	5,655.43	9,300.00	5,523.80	9,400.00	4,900.00	14,300.00
	ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT						
142.	Depreciation	42,664.74	45,895.00	45,894.49	54,559.00	30,000.00	84,559.00
143.	Production	291,092.23	686,700.00	383,575.92	869,500.00	558,500.00	1,428,000.00
144.	Maintenance-Operation	149,050.86	162,599.00	177,521.38[1]	194,259.00	120,044.00	314,303.00
145.	Insurance	0.00	0.00		4,227.56	4,227.56	8,455.12
146.	County Retirement	0.00	0.00		4,344.21	4,344.21	8,688.42
	SUB TOTAL	482,807.83	895,172.00	606,991.79	1,126,889.77	717,115.77	1,844,005.54
	GRAND TOTALS	2,071,998.29					4,944,574.91

1 – Funds Transferred

TOWN MEETING WARRANT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Howe-Manning School Auditorium in said Middleton on Tuesday the 13th day of March next at eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLES 1 – 39

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen-month period beginning January 1, 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to increase the Town's share of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan for employees governed by the Personnel Board from 50% to 75% and that this increase be effective as of January 1, 1973.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the town will vote to amend the town By-laws, Personnel Plan as follows:

1. By deleting in Title IV, Section 4.02, Paragraph 2 the number "40" and substituting the number "50." Said paragraph then to read: "The overtime rate of pay for the Fire Department, uniformed permanent members, shall be calculated on the basis of a 50-hour week."

ARTICLE 5. On petition of the Personnel Board, to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws Personnel Plan as follows:

By deleting Title VII Section 7.08 as it now reads, and substituting the following:

Position of Title	Salary 1972	Approved by Board for 1973	Salary Recommended thru 6/30/74
	NON–CLASSIFIED		
Moderator	50.00	50.00	25.00
Selectmen	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Treasurer	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Tax Collector	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Assessors	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Constable	50.00	50.00	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00	100.00	50.00
Cemetery Commissioners	50.00	50.00	25.00
Water Commissioners	150.00	150.00	75.00
	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Highway Surveyor	9,450.00	10,150.00	5,075.00
Laborer (perm)	3.43	3.53	3.53
Laborer (P.T.)	2.48		2.48
Laborer (temp)	2.21		2.21

PARK, FORESTRY, CEMETERY DEPTS.

Foreman (Working)	3.69	3.80	3.80
Laborer (Perm)	3.43	3.53	3.53
Laborer (P.T.)	2.48		
Laborer (Temp)	2.21		
Tree Climber	3.43		
Supt. of Burials	50.00		

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief	10,910.00	13,131.00	7,153.00
Deputy Chief	9,511.00	10,034.00	5,152.00
Lieutenant	8,588.00	9,060.00	4,864.50
Firefighter (p)	8,298.00	8,754.00	4,768.50
Captain (C)	300. pr/yr.	300.00 pr/yr.	150.00
	3.25 pr/hr.	3.25 pr/hr.	3.25 pr/hr.
Lieutenant (C)	100.00 pr/yr.	100.00 pr/yr.	50.00 pr/yr.
	3.25 pr/hr.	3.25 pr/hr.	3.25 pr/hr.
Firefighter (C)	75.00 pr/yr.	75.00 pr/yr.	37.50 pr/yr.
	3.25 pr/hr.	3.25 pr/hr.	3.25 pr/hr.
Drillmaster (C)	25.00	25.00	12.50
Dept. Machinist (C)	50.00	50.00	25.00

CLERICAL

Clerk-Treasurer	2.32	2.32	2.32
Clerk-Assessors	2.53	2.53	2.53
Clerk-Tax Collector	2.64	2.64	2.64
Clerk-Inspectors		2.53 (new position)	2.53
Clerk-Accountant		2.32 (new position)	2.32

ADMINISTRATIVE

Town Accountant	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Secretary-Clerk	5,720.00	5,892.00	2,946.00

INSPECTION

Health Agent	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Building Inspector	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Gas Inspector	400.00	400.00	200.00
Plumbing Inspector	600.00	600.00	300.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Inspector of Animals	450.00	450.00	225.00
Dog Officer	600.00	600.00	300.00

LIBRARY

Head Librarian	2,300.00	3,500.00	1,750.00
1st Asst. Librarian	2.90	2.90	
2nd Asst. Librarian	2.64	2.64	
3rd Asst. Librarian	2.32	2.32	
Clerk-Typist	2.18	2.18	
Page	1.58	1.58	

MISCELLANEOUS

Custodian Town Hall	800.00	800.00	400.00
Custodian Memorial Hall	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00
Custodian Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00
Veterans Agent	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Town Counsel	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Clerk, Registrar of Voters	100.00	100.00	
Registrar of Voters	100.00	50.00	
Secretary, Planning Board	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.
Secretary, Personnel Board	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.
Secretary, Water Comm.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.
Board of Appeals	30.00 pr/mo.	30.00 pr/mo.	30.00 pr/mo.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief	11,200.00	14,306.00	7,153.00
Sergeant	9,511.00	10,034.00	5,152.00
Patrolman	9,259.00	9,537.00	4,768.50
Patrolman (Special)	3.50	3.50	3.50
Safety Officer	New Position	50.00	25.00
Narcotics Officer	New Position	50.00	25.00
Juvenile Officer	New Position	50.00	25.00

ARTICLE 6. To fix the compensation of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for the ensuing eighteen months.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $25,000.00 from the 1972 earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of all the income of the Municipal Light Department to said Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners for the expenses of the Department for the fiscal year as defined in Section 57 or Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and the excess is to be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Department for use as the Commissioners may direct.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $5,700.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new 1973 International Truck Cab and Chassis or equivalent, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $3,600.00 for the purchase of a new 1973 Automatic Sander in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Park Commissioners to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $4,100.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new truck in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Cemetery Commissioners; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Police Chief to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $2,900.00, which together with the exchange value of the present 1972 Ford Custom four-door sedan which the selectmen shall trade in to be used to purchase a new Police Cruiser in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Board of Selectmen and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than $15,000.00 to be expended for the purchase of an ambulance to be used by the Fire Department and Police Department in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Board of Selectmen; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of $1,800.00 to purchase a new radio base station, with necessary equipment, for the Fire Department, or take any other action thereto, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to replace and repair the roof of Memorial Hall, a Town building, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $3,700.00 to renovate the Town Hall to provide a Community Center, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate the sum of $1,400.00 for an initial study to place the Town Accounts Payable under computer control, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer of available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to establish a drug education and prevention program: said fund to be administered by the Board of Health; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be held as a separate account, said sum to be expended by the Council on Aging for programs for the elderly in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40, Section SB of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate $1,200.00 to pay the medical expenses under Workmen's Compensation for an employee of the Town and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate $1,813.58 for unpaid bills of the previous year as follows:

Public Safety – Police Department		
44.	Wages	$91.83
Building Inspector		
53.	Expenses	$95.45
School Department – Elementary		
92.	Salaries	$ 550.00
93.	Expenses	$1076.30

and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 to be used for expenses by the Charter Commission as set forth in Chapter 43B; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Commission; such commission to consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to add one permanent employee, who will work in the Park, Cemetery and Forestry Departments, and to appropriate the sum of $9,178. to pay the salary of this employee for an 18-month period.

ARTICLE 25. On petition of the Police Station Building Committee, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to be used by the Committee to supplement existing funds for the construction and equipping of a Police Station, and to see if such funds will be provided from surplus revenue, from available funds, by borrowing, by bonding in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 26. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate $6,874.33 to repay a loan negotiated on Dec. 20, 1972, in anticipation of bonding for the Police Station authorized by Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 30, 1971, and to see if such funds will be provided by borrowing,from available funds, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 27. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to be used by the Selectmen to supplement existing funds to provide for an Electronic Burglar and Fire Alarm Service in Memorial Hall; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 28. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000. to be used for new radios, firearms, and other equipment for the Police Department, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 29. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the fees for inspection by the Inspector of Wires; such fees were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Middleton on February 6, 1962, and now to be amended as follows:

Blanket permits issued for commercial and industrial, yearly	$10.00
New Homes or apartments	10.00
Residential, fixtures, heat, power or appliances	3.00
Commercial and/or Industrial electric service	10.00
New electric service	3.00
Temporary Electric Service	3.00
Each additional electric meter	1.00
Electric Sign	2.00
New gasoline pump	5.00
Replace gasoline pump	2.00
Swimming Pool	5.00
Aluminum Siding	5.00

ARTICLE 30. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting in Part One, Section 1, Sub-Section (1), in the first sentence, the last word, "March" and inserting in its place the word, "May."

ARTICLE 31. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $550.00 for a calculator for the Town Accountant, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 32. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting in the first paragraph of Section VI, G-2 – Promotion of Harmonious Development after the words, "Institutional District" the following words, "or 'IH' Interstate Highway Business District."

ARTICLE 33. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting in the first paragraph of Section VI – Site Plans, after the words "Institutional District", the following words: "of 'IH' Interstate Highway Business District."

ARTICLE 34. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section VII – Earth Removal – which presently reads.

"The Board of Appeals under the procedures stated in Section X below may authorize the removal of sod, loam, sand, gravel or other earth products from a lot where such removal is not permitted as an accessory use. In such cases, the Board shall impose conditions relative to the hours of operation and routes for transporting the material through the Town, and impose requirements for regrading and planting the area to suitable cover when operations are completed. Said Board shall require a bond or other security for compliance with the terms of its authorization."

and inserting the following:

Section VII B – Earth Removal

No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever, except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for Removal of clay, sand, gravel or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

ARTICLE 35. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) which reads as follows"

"In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, all monies received by it in payment for off-duty work details of members of its police department shall be deposited in the treasury, shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer apart from any other of its money, funds, or other property, and shall be expended without further appropriation at the direction of the Chief of Police or other officer having similar duties for the purpose of paying its police officers for such off-duty work details, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 53."

and to raise and appropriate $500.00 to establish the revolving account and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer of available funds or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 36. On petition of the Water and Sewer Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $14,634.97 for the purpose of installing six-inch water lines on Mt. Vernon Street, Washington Street and Lakeview Avenue, according to specifications of the Water and Sewer Commissioners, and to see if such funds will be provided by transferring $4,634.97 from the South Main Street Extension Account, and by transfer of $10,000.00 from available funds.

ARTICLE 37. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to raze and make safe the fire-destroyed building owned by the Town of Middleton, situated on Lots 1003 through 1006 on Arrow Street, Middleton, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 38. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to declare that an industrial development financing authority is needed in the Town and that unemployment or the threat thereof exists in the Town, or security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required in the Town, and that unemployment or the threat thereof can be alleviated or the security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity can be provided, by attracting new industry to the Town or substantially expanding industry existing in the Town through an industrial development project or projects financed under Chapter 40D of the General Laws. In determining the need for such an authority, the Town shall take into consideration its ability to adjust to any expected increase in the demand for Town facilities and services as a result of the expected increase in employment and business activity from such industrial development.

ARTICLE 39. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to adopt for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion, that certain code known as the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the American Insurance Association, being particularly the 1970 edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended herein, of which code not less than (2) two copies shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk after the adoption of said code, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this By-Law shall take effect, the provisions hereof shall be controlled within the limits of the Town of Middleton.

Section 1. The Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the Chief of the Fire Department, in the Town of Middleton.

Section 2. The Fire Chief may detail such members of the Fire Department as Inspectors, as shall from time to time be ncesssary.

Section 3. Definitions.

(A) Wherever the word "Municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town of Middleton.

(B) Wherever the word, or term, "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town Counsel for the Town of Middleton.

Section 4. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Explosives and Blasting Agents is to be prohibited.

(A) The limits referred to in Section 12.5B of the Fire Prevention Code, in which the storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.

Section 5. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Flammable Liquids in outside aboveground tanks is to be prohibited.

(A) The limits referred to in Section 16.22A of the Fire Prevention Code in which the storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, are hereby established as follows; Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.

Section 6. Establishment of limits in which Bulk Storage of Liquified Petroleum Gases is to be restricted.

(A) The limits referred to in section 21.6A of the Fire Prevention Code, in which bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby described as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.

Section 7. To add to Section 14.4 Automatic Sprinkler Systems.

(1) Any building that has more than five (5) floors that are used for any purpose, whether it be for habitation, office or storage use, shall be completely protected by a sprinkler system.

(2) The sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with National Fire Protection standards No. 13 and 13A.

(3) Each tenant floor would be considered a separate fire area in the design of the sprinkler system, with a shut off valve for each floor.

(4) An indicator panel with local supervision would be located at the building entrance, easily accessible to firefighters, to designate by signal the floor on which the sprinkler is operating.

(5) At the same indicator panel there would be a provision for takeover of control on one elevator by firefighters.

(6) Because of the elevation of the building a pressure tank, or pump, (If a pump, it must have auxiliary power) shall be installed in accordance with NFPA requirements.

(7) A wet standpipe system must also be installed in each stairwell in accordance with NFPA requirements. Also at each floor level there shall be a gated 2½" outlet, equipped with an adaptor from 2½" to 1½" National Standard Threads (Male).

(8) Outside fire department standpipe connections for the sprinkler must be in accordance with NFPA requirements.

(9) All stairwells must be provided with awning type windows, or windows that can be easily opened by the fire department at each floor, so that smoke may be relieved readily from the stairwell.

(10) A master fire alarm box shall be installed at the front entrance of each building.

(11) This box will automatically monitor the sprinkler system, fire detection system and any other alarm actuating devices, and transmit an alarm to the Fire Department.

(12) Suitable fire gongs shall be installed on each floor so as to notify the tenants if a fire is in progress, and there shall be pull stations on each floor.

(13) All the above mentioned requirements shall meet the approval of the Middleton Fire Chief.

Section 8. Modifications.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code upon application, in writing, by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modifications when granted, or allowed, and the decision of the Fire Chief thereon shall be entered upon the records of the Fire Department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

Section 9. Appeals.

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department shall disapprove an application, or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code have been misconstrued, or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department to the Board of Selectmen within fifteen days from the date of the decision appealed.

Section 10. New Materials, Processes, or Occupancies which may require Permits.

The Board of Selectmen and the Chief of the Fire Department shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, such notice to be given publication for one week in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Middleton, any new materials, processes, or occupancies, which shall require permits, in addition to those enumerated in said Code. The Chief of the Fire Department shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons upon request.

Section 11. Penalties.

(A) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Code hereby adopted or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Selectmen, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of $20.00 for each offense. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

Section 12. Validity.

The Board of Selectmen hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this By-Law, or of the Code herein adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Middleton Board of Selectmen that it would have passed all other portions of this By-Law independent of the elimination herefrom of any portion as may be declared invalid.

As sponsored by the Chief of the Fire Department.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Fuller-Meadow School on Monday, March 19 next for the following purposes, viz: to choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: one Moderator for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, two members of School Committee for three years, one member of Regional School Committee for three years, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, one Tree Warden for one year, one member of Planning Board for five years, two Trustees of Flint Public Library for three years, one Water & Sewer Commissioner for three years, nine members of Charter Commission.

Question No. 1. Shall a Commission be elected to frame a charter for the Town of Middleton?

Yes No

Question No. 2. Shall the local mass transportation service in this town be discontinued?

Yes No

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to service this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at Memorial Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe's Station in said Town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this of February in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman
Leon J. LeBlanc
Dennis E. Currier, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:

Robert T. Peachey, Constable

History

Middleton is so named because it was organized from parts of four other towns. The central and southern section originally belonged to the parish of Salem Village (now Danvers), famous as the scene of the witchcraft delusion. The northeastern part, between Ipswich River and Nichols Brook, was first Topsfield, while a section in the central and northern part belonged to Boxford (formerly Rowley Village) and to Andover.

William Nichols was the first settler in what is now Middleton. He came in 1651 to the extreme eastern section and settled near the brook that still bears his name. In 1659 Bray Wilkins, with his six sons and one John Gingle, purchased from Governor Bellingham a large grant of land that had been made to him. The Wilkins family, whose descendants are still numerous in the town, built their homes near the present center, close by Middleton Pond and at the foot of Will's Hill. In this location there had formerly been an Indian village. The sole survivor, known as Will, was then living on the summit of the rocky mount north of the pond. Until the settlement became a town, the inhabitants were called "Will's Hill men" and the village simply as "Will's Hill."

In 1663 Thomas Fuller, a blacksmith, came from Woburn and bought three hundred acres from Major-General Denison of Ipswich. This property was east of the Wilkins's land and ran south to the once beautiful brook that rushed from the pond to Ipswich River. Fuller built a sawmill on this stream and, with his sons, also continued his trade as an ironworker. The Putnams of Salem Village note also owned large tracts of land here before 1700; as did William Hobbs, Joseph Town, Francis Elliot, Isaac Peabody, and a number of others.

As many of these settlers found the distance too great to go to church conveniently in Boxford, Topsfield, or Salem Village, they applied to the Province for permission to found a new parish. This was granted on condition that the Will's Hill men would build a suitable place of worship and engage a schoolmaster to instruct the young. On June 20, 1728, Middleton held its first town meeting at or near the home of Dr. Daniel Felch (a short distance east of the Congregational Church), and Jonathan Fuller presented the charter to the town. The church was already under construction. In November of the following year, Rev. Andrew Peters, a Harvard graduate, was ordained as the first minister.

The greater number of the old houses still standing in Middleton were built shortly before or after the organization of the town. The earliest date that has been ascertained by record is 1705 for the Deacon Edward Putnam house. Most of the dwellings have been changed in one way or another, especially in the roof lines, for several of salt-box type have been raised above the leanto, thus hiding their original contour. A number have cavernous fireplaces of seventeenth-century style, which seem to belie the known ages of the houses, but which really illustrate the time lag in country building.

Until recent years Middleton has always been a farming community, although several attempts have been made to establish industries. The most notable was an ironworks or bloomery, begun in the early 1700's or before, which ran for more than thirty years. The Putnams and Flints, John Howe, and Thomas Cave, were instrumental in starting this business. The works stood on Mill Street south of Pout Pond Brook, where remains of the original sluice way may still be seen.

In the mid-nineteenth century a change came over the town with the advent of the shoe industry. Several small factories furnished materials for scores of the townspeople, who worked in little shops at their own homes. Nearly every family had some part in this trade, which for the first time offered women an opportunity to earn some money of their own. A paper mill at South Middleton on the Ipswich River, founded by Col. Francis Peabody, and later operated by the Cranes, offered another industrial opportunity.

At the turn of the century Middleton was a favorite summer resort, when its pine groves along the winding river were filled with small cottages. In those days it boasted railroad and street-car lines. Today it is occupied by modest but attractive homes; it has excellent roads and public services, and it is ambitious to be known as a well balanced residential and industrial community.

Flint Public Library
Middleton, Mass.

Rare Book Collection

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Building Inspector	774-2850
Community Nurse	774-4105
Dog Officer	774-4728
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EMERGENCY	774-2211
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Health Agent	774-2850
Highway Department	774-9177
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Library	774-8132
Planning Board	774-3822
Police Department	774-4424
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Elementary	774-3517
Masconomet	887-2323
Selectmen	774-3344
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Town Treasurer	774-8327
Tree Warden	774-0586
Veterans' Agent	774-1815
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THINGS TO REMEMBER

What?	When?	Where?
Annual Elections	1st Monday after Annual Town Meeting	Fuller Meadow School
Annual Town Meeting	2nd Tuesday of March	Howe-Manning School
Board of Appeals	3rd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Board of Assessors	Every Tuesday 7-9 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Board of Health	1st Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Board of Selectmen	Every Tuesday 7:30 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Council on Aging	2nd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Orchard Circle
Finance Committee	3rd Tuesday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Housing Authority	4th Monday of month 8 P.M.	Orchard Circle
Industrial Development Comm.	2nd Monday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Library Trustees	2nd Monday of month 7:30 P.M.	Flint Public Library
Planning Board	2nd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Personnel Board	1st Monday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
School Committee		
Elementary	2nd & 4th Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Howe-Manning School
Regional	1st & 3rd Wednesday of month 8 P.M.	Masconomet Regional H.S.
Town Clerk	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7-9 P.M.	King St.
Water & Sewer Commissioners	2nd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall

For any information concerning local boards or committees call the Selectmen's Office 774-3344
Monday thru Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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